



## **ROOTS & BRANCHES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

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The Roots and Branches Genealogical Society meets at the DeLand Library at 6:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month, September through June. All submittals to the newsletter are welcome - either through e-mail, or at meetings or can be delivered to the editor's slot in the Genealogy room in the Library.

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### **Roots & Branches Meetings 2004-2005**

**Board meetings: August 27, September 24, October 29, November 19, December 17, 2004. January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22, May 27, 2005. General meetings: September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2, 2004. January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, 2005.**

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### **Simplifying Once Removed**

**First cousins have a common grandparent, while second cousins share a common great-grandparent, third cousins share a common great-great grandparent and so on. In all of these cases, they are the same number of generations away from the common ancestor.**

**With first cousins who are "once removed," they are one generation apart, or removed, in their connection to that ancestor. In other words, one descends from the grandparent, the other descends from the great-grandparent. Example: Your first cousin's daughter is your "first cousin once removed." Your first cousin's once removed daughter would be your first cousin twice removed, etc.**

**Source: Volusia County Genealogical Society**

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### **Honoring WW II Vets**

If your American relatives served in WWII or supported the war effort from the home front, you can add their names to a registry on the National World War II Memorial Web site at: [www.wwiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiimemorial.com). Organized by the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC), this free registry honors the 16 million Americans who served in the US armed forces during WWII, the more than 400,000 who died and the millions who contributed to the war effort from America's factories, farms, and neighborhoods. The registry combines four searchable databases: the Registry of Remembrances, ABMC Tablets of the Missing, official War and Navy Department Killed in Service rosters (now held by the National Archives and Records Administration), and those buried in ABMC overseas military cemeteries.

Source: Carolyn Bell from Family Tree Magazine, December 2003

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### **Partners on the 1880 Census**

Recently My-Family.com and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) which operates FamilySearch have partnered - the census index and images have been integrated. From both Web sites, users can enter a name to search the 50 million inhabitants of the United States' 38 states and eight territories in 1880. The search results include links to images of the census documents, providing additional information on the individual and household. This partnership means that some but not all users will be able to view the census images for free. Patrons of the Family History Library and branch Family History Centers can access the digital images on site at no charge, as can members of the LDS church who sign on or register as members through FamilySearch. Others FamilySearch visitors will be charged a fee.

Source: Carolyn Bell from Family Tree Magazine, December 2003

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### **New Social Security Death Index Search**

Pearl Software, the maker of Family Tree Legends launched a new free Social Security Death Index (SSDI) search engine at [www.familytreelegends.com/ssdi](http://www.familytreelegends.com/ssdi). The SSDI, generated by the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA), holds valuable genealogical information - including name, birth and death dates; Social Security number; and last-known residence, for all Americans who possessed Social Security numbers and whose deaths were reported to the SSA after 1936. Like other online SSDI search engines, Family Tree Legends' version lets you look for relatives by name, social security number and last residence. It also boasts two unique, and especially useful, features: an age-at-death search and a year-range search, which means you don't have to know the exact year someone died.

Source: Carolyn Bell from Family Tree Magazine, October 2003

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### Veterans's Administration Gravesite Locator

**The Veteran's Administration has made It easier and faster for the public to get answers about family history, old war buddies or famous war heroes. The agency put on the Web 3.2 million records for veterans buried at 120 national cemeteries since the Civil War. The Web site is <http://www.cem.va.gov>.**

**The VA's Nationwide Gravesite Locator also has records for some state veterans' cemeteries and burials in Arlington National Cemetery since 1999.**

**Joe Nosari, the Veteran Administration's deputy chief information officer for Memorial Affairs, said the VA information is free.**

**SOURCE: Jerry Hale from the Daytona Beach News Journal, April 2004**

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### VISIT TO MRS. BROWNELL



**On Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004 a few Roots and Branches members traveled to Atlantic Beach near Jacksonville where they visited Mrs. Daphne M. Brownell.**

**Mrs. Brownell is the author of "The Brownell Collection" in the genealogy room of the DeLand Public Library. The collection consists of about 118 notebooks full of local history. She has also authored quite a few books that document local cemeteries.**

**Jerry Hale became interested in the collection when he was asked to head a project to scan all of the pages in the collection and put them on CDs. The project is now well under way.**

**Jerry tried to estimate the magnitude of the scanning project and calculated that there were approximately 36,500 pages in those notebooks. The more he read the articles and notes in this magnificent collection the more he came to admire the woman who had produced the collection. It seems that Mrs. Brownell has walked every cemetery, interviewed every funeral director, culled every county record and viewed every newspaper microfilm available. One cannot help but read the pages and marvel at the wealth of information on the pioneer families of the county. At one point Jerry Hale fulfilled a request for an obituary for someone who had died in 1926. After printing the microfilmed obituary he returned the film to the cabinet and reached for the Brownell**

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notebook that contained that family. Much to his amazement Mrs. Brownell had hand written a copy of that very obituary.

Being a newcomer to this area Jerry Hale just assumed that Mrs. Brownell who had done so much to contribute to the county history had long passed on to her reward. Jerry was very surprised when he came across her name in the Roots and Branches membership roster. Nita Rand, who is helping with the scanning of the Brownell Collection, and Jerry himself found themselves making very limited progress with the scanning project because they could not help but read the notebook pages as they went. The more they discussed the collection the more an idea formed. Why not drive to Atlantic Beach to visit this woman and learn first hand how she had come to gather so much information.



Nita wrote to Mrs. Brownell suggesting that they would like to come to visit her and asking whether that would be all right with her. Mrs. Brownell was immediately interested in our visit and asked them to contact several of her friends from the D.A.R., the Historical Society and from Roots and Branches to come along. As it turned out several were unavailable because of illness or schedule conflict on the only Sunday that both Nita and Jerry had free. Mrs. Louise

Caccamise was free and so was Jerry & his wife, as was Nita.

Jerry Hale spent a few minutes showing Mrs. Brownell the results of the project to scan her collection. He had heard that she had no interest in computers and was prepared for her not to approve the project but she surprised him with her interest and wished them good luck. She mentioned that the project had been attempted once or twice before and that it was a pretty big job. They agreed with that but told her they were determined to get it done this time.

Jerry asked her how she had managed to accomplish so much. She replied that she worked three hours every day!

While the Roots & Branches members were with Mrs. Brownell, they met her sister and nephew and several of her friends from the Retirement Community. Fleet Landing is a very nice retirement community with plenty of activities and Mrs. Brownell seems very happy there.

When they arrived in DeLand they all agreed that it had been a very special day and that they had met a very special lady.

*(Visit to Mrs. Brownell continued from pages 3-4)*

**Mrs. Brownell asked the Roots & Branches members to remember her to all of her friends in DeLand and Jerry is sure she would enjoy a card from you. She did mention that it is getting harder and harder to write because of some arthritis but she would reply with a telephone call.**

**Jerry has produced a slide show with all of the pictures of their trip. It is in the library either in the pocket inside notebook #1 or in the CD collection drawer. You can view it by simply inserting it into the CD drive in the computer. It will play automatically. There is music with the show so turn on the speakers but keep the volume low, it is a bit raucous in the beginning.**

**Source: Jerry Hale**

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### **Orlando – Greenwood Cemetery**

**The Orlando, Florida City Clerk's Office has created an online database of more than 80,000 internment cards and thousands more deeds to cemetery plots in the historic Greenwood Cemetery. Greenwood Cemetery is a municipal cemetery owned and operated by the City of Orlando. Established in 1880, it includes 82 acres of rolling hills.**

**The city's goal is to create a sense of history in an area where people are frequently moving in and out. Records preservation is also at a premium as paper becomes more and more brittle over time, according to an August 8, 2003 report published in the Orlando Sentinel.**

**The database, searchable by a number of categories such as name, date and funeral home was launched online this fall. Search results contain images of the original documents, handwritten notes, etc. The database will be available through the city's Web site at: [www.cityoforlando.net](http://www.cityoforlando.net).**

**The cemetery operations are directed by the City Clerk, Jose I. Fernandez, Jr. Gates are open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The office is staffed Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Greenwood Cemetery is located at 1603 Greenwood Street, east of Mills Avenue and south of the East-West Expressway (State Road 408). For information about the cemetery call 407-246-2616 or e-mail [donald.price@cityoforlando.net](mailto:donald.price@cityoforlando.net).**

**Source: Carolyn Bell from Everton's Family History Magazine, Nov./Dec. 2003**

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### Images From the Arizona Department of Health Services

**A terrific thing has happened in Arizona. The Arizona Department of Health Services has put images of more than 400,000 Arizona birth and death certificates online at <http://genealogy.az.gov>. The birth certificates are from 75 years or more and the death certificates are at least 50 years old, conforming with State regulations. The State felt that by doing this, it would free up the department to give faster service to people needing copies of certificates for purposes other than genealogy. If you have any interest in Arizona research, this is a terrific tool. Wouldn't this be great in all states?**  
Source: Bob Weaver

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### Genealogy News

**MyFamily.com, Inc. recently launched its U.S. Immigration Collection, a unique resource providing immigration-focused content in one convenient, online research tool.**

**This online resource will give subscribers continuous access to new information and names. Anyone can now conveniently search for ancestors who may have emigrated from many countries to multiple ports in the United States during a five-century period.**

**The U.S. Immigration Collection includes passenger lists for all of America's major Atlantic ports including New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans, and San Francisco. More than 10 million individuals whose names appear in ships' passenger lists, port arrivals, and naturalization records are included in the collections. The records contain valuable information such as the immigrant's name, names of family members, dates of vital events, port and date of arrival, and much more.**

**Records found in the U.S. Immigration Collection include:**

**-The New York Passenger Lists, 1851-1892. The New York Passenger Lists have been indexed by name for the first time.**

**-Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500's-1900. This collection includes all U.S. and Canadian ports. Includes exclusive and elusive records such as naturalization records, church records, family and local histories, voter registrations, census records, land records, personal diaries, and more.**

**As more names and records are added, the U.S. Immigration Collection will grow to well over 25 million names in the coming year. The collection can be accessed online at [Ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com). It is available to subscribers for \$19.95 monthly, \$39.95 quarterly, or \$79.95 annually. Current Ancestry.com subscribers can add the new annual subscription to their account for only \$39.95. The site is:**

**<http://www.ancestry.com>.**

**Source: Carolyn Bell from January-March 2004 Genealogical Computing**

**ROOTS & BRANCHES GENEALOGY SOCIETY OF VOLUSIA COUNTY  
2004 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL**

Name: (M ) \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/P.O. Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ NEW Member \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_

Membership period January - December. Please make check payable to the Roots and Branches Genealogy Society of Volusia County and mail to P. O. Box 612, Deland, Florida 32721-0612.

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual & Family - \$10

**AN ANCESTOR CHART IS REQUESTED. PLEASE SUBMIT AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE**

**-NEW MEMBER INFORMATION-**

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**Some more internet sites**

**State Department overseas records might be able to provide reports of birth, marriage and death that occurred overseas. Go to: <http://www.travel.state.gov> and click on Birth, Death and Marriage Records. Then click on Apply for a copy of a report issued by an American embassy or consulate showing that a U.S. citizen was born, married or died while abroad. That takes you to Consular Reports of Birth, Death, and Marriage on File with the Department of State. There you will find the information you want, along with a form that can be copied and pasted, and the address where you can mail it.**

**Source: Judy Warrensford from the Family Tree Newsletter**

**POINT (Pursuing Our Italian Names Together) has announced that starting with its 2004 membership year, annual dues will be significantly reduced. Members with a U.S. mailing address will be \$30 per year. POINT has been a premier network for those who are interested in their Italian roots or their Italian heritage. The POINT website is: <http://www.point-pointers.net>.**

**Source: Judy Warrensford from the Family Tree Newsletter**

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