



## **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, at meetings or can be delivered to the editor's slot in the Genealogy room in the Library.

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### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE ON JANUARY 1, 2005**

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

**Board meetings: December 17, 2004. January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22, May 27, 2005. General meetings: December 2, 2004. January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, 2005.**

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### **The Very First Steps in Genealogy**

**1. Start with yourself and work back! Talk to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. Ask questions like: What's your full name? When and where were you born? Where did you grow up? When and where did your parents marry?**

**It also may be helpful to tape record the people you talk to in addition to writing down their answers and keep the tapes for future reference. Be sure to ask permission before taping someone.**

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**2. Begin a genealogy chart. Fill in as many blanks as possible. If you do not have exact dates, pencil in approximate dates. Use pencils for preliminary work. Always use letters to indicate months. Write surnames in all capital letters. Use the maiden names of your female ancestors.**

**3. Read a book about doing genealogy. "How-to" books will tell you about many sources of information for your research. Your local library will have copies of some of these books that you may want to borrow.**

**4. Begin collecting copies of death and birth certificates, and marriage licenses. This step will involve money because all States charge for their copies. You will need to know the approximate date and the proper State and County. These records may give you information about the person and often their parents. You can also find some of this information in newspaper obituaries.**

Source: Dr. Robert Fox from Rota.Gene

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**Strangers In The Box**

**Come, look with me inside this drawer,  
In this box I've often seen,  
At the pictures, black and white,  
Faces proud, still and serene.**

**I wish I knew the people,  
These strangers in the box,  
Their names and all their memories,  
Are lost among my socks.**

**I wonder what their lives were like,  
How did they spend their days?  
What about their special times?  
I'll never know their ways.**

**If only someone had taken time,  
To tell, who, what, where, and when,  
These faces of my heritage,  
Would come to life again.**

**Could this become the fate,  
Of the pictures we take today?  
The faces and the memories,  
Someday to be passed away?**



(Strangers In The Box Continued from page 2)

Take time to save your stories,  
 Seize the opportunity when it knocks,  
 Or someday you and yours,  
 Could be strangers in the box  
 Source: Dr. Robert Fox from Rota.gene

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### New Books In Genealogy Room

**"Civil War and Living History Reenacting About (People of Color) How To Begin, What to Wear and Why Re-enact", Mary Bell, Jackson Feirs, Copyright 2004, ISBN #0-7884-2513-87.**

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### New Books

***Marriages From Buffalo, N.Y. Church Records 1825-1900, Volume I* by June Partridge Zintz, 2004. Price is \$25.00 plus \$3.00 shipping from the author, 49 Idlewood Court, Hamburg, NY 14075-6262, e-mail [JPZintz@aol.com](mailto:JPZintz@aol.com) (N.Y. L B863.32).**

***History of Hudson County: Genealogies of Prominent Families*, compiled by Robert Feldra. 1916, reprinted 2002. Hardcover. Price: \$40.00 plus \$5.00 shipping (to U.S.) from Bergen Historic Books, Inc., P.O. Box 182, Dublin, PA 18917, [www.bergenhistoricbooks.com](http://www.bergenhistoricbooks.com) (N.J. L H867.01)**

***The Confederate Dead In Brooklyn Biographical Sketches of 513 Confederate POWs*, by John F. Walter, 2003. Price \$24.50 from Institute for Civil War Research, 79-13 67<sup>th</sup> Drive, Middle Village, NY 11379, email [ICWRJOHN@aol.com](mailto:ICWRJOHN@aol.com) of Willow Bend Books, 65 East Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157-5026, [Bookorder@WillowBendBooks.com](mailto:Bookorder@WillowBendBooks.com) (N.Y. L B792.61 B92).**

***The bloodied Mohawk*, by Fort Plank Historian Ken D. Johnson. Picton Press, P.O. Box 250, Rockport, Me. 04856. Telephone: 207-236-6565, E-mail: [sales@pictonpress.com](mailto:sales@pictonpress.com) or [www.pictonpress.com](http://www.pictonpress.com).**

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**Clarification of item in the Fall Newsletter: The 1930 Census on Essex County, Massachusetts is located at the Family History Center at the LDS Church in DeLand.**

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### Ancestors At Rest

***Ancestors At Rest* is a site located at <http://ancestorsatrest.com/> that has coffin plates, funeral cards, cemetery records, cenotaph records, death cards, wills, church records,**

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**family bibles, vital records and more. You can also find links to death records and information on where to find records that are not on line.**

**Source: Jerry Hale from Olive Tree Genealogy Newsletter**

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**Online Veteran's Burial Sites**

**You can search Online for Veterans' Burial Sites. The Department of Veterans Affairs has put the burial records of 3.2 million veterans online. They are buried in 120 national cemeteries and some state cemeteries. The records go back to the Civil War. However, nearly half of the Union dead from the Civil War are unidentified. If you are tracing an ancestor, the government has a search engine. You must know the last name. If you have more information, there is an advanced search available. Start your search at [http://gravelocator.com.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL\\_v1](http://gravelocator.com.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL_v1)**

**Source: Jerry Hale from Kim Komando Show Electronic Newsletter – April, 2004**

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**Cocoa Beach Library – Brevard County**

**John and I attended a Daytona Beach Computer Genealogy meeting where the guest speaker was Michael Boonstra, the County Genealogist at the Cocoa Beach Library. He was a wealth of information about genealogy and told us that the Cocoa Beach Library has the whole second floor of the library devoted to genealogy and he is a full time county genealogist. There collection includes: "How to" genealogy books, directories listing genealogical and historical societies, family histories, military history materials, a collection of maps and atlases, materials on Native American ancestry (Cherokee focus), African-American collection, Filby Passenger Lists, Germans to America, Italians to America, Irish Famine Immigrants, Dutch Immigrants to America, Mayflower five-generations project, British Isles Collection, Domesday Books, numerous state and foreign collections, etc.**

**They also have two free databases where you DO NOT have to be a resident of Brevard County to use them. They are: AncestryPlus Database and the Heritage Quest Database.**

**The Central Brevard Library and Reference Center is located at 308 Forest Ave., Cocoa, Florida 32922. The Library hours are: Monday – Thursday 9 am to 9 pm, Friday 9 am to 6 pm, Saturday 9 am to 5 pm, Sunday 1 pm to 5 pm.**

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**USGen Web Project**

If you have not taken a look at this web site: [www.usgenweb.org](http://www.usgenweb.org), please take another look. Some of the collections on this site include:

- Digital Map Library that is useful, readable, and has high quality maps.
- Pension Project that includes actual transcriptions of pension related materials for all wars prior to 1900. They are filed under the state and the principal county of residence of the pensioner.
- Church Records Project includes church records and histories.
- Marriage Records Project includes marriage records by county.
- Obituary Project which includes published obits and papers that have given permission or those pre-1923 that are in the public domain.
- Special Collections which include a photograph collection, and some military records.

There are other collections but you have to go down and peruse them. Enjoy!

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The National Archives and Records Administration recently announced the availability of World War II enlistment records for over nine million Army personnel at their website: [www.archives.gov/aad](http://www.archives.gov/aad). These records contain a wealth of personal information on service members. This collection is for Army enlistees and there are no records for officers or members of other services or for enlistments prior to about 1938. 130,000 women who joined the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps are included.  
Source: NYG&B

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The Genealogy Society of Flagler County is hosting a seminar on January 8, 2005. Helen F.M. Leary will be the speaker. The topics include: Avoiding Dead Ends, Part I: Birth, Death and Marriage, Part II: Identity and Relationships; Spotlight on Records: Getting Them To Tell Us Everything They Know. The seminar will be at the Ocean Hammock Resort, Harborside Inn, 300 Clubhouse Drive, Palm Coast, Fl. The cost is \$30 which includes the seminar, lunch, handouts and prizes. \$35 for non-members or at the door.

### Mortuary Records

Mortuary records are a genealogical tool that is often passed over. Mortuary records include date of death, place of death, marital status, spouse's name, birth dates, birthplace, sex and race. Many times they also include age, profession, the names of the deceased's parents and their birthplace, the length of time the deceased was ill, his place of burial, the names of sisters including their married names if known and names of the deceased's sons and daughters along with their married names.

If a death certificate is available, it often includes the name of the mortician or mortuary. Obituaries may also give the names of the mortuary.

Research libraries such as the Family History Center are good places to begin because they are repositories for records from many different areas. Other ways to research mortuary records if no research library is available are internet sites such as [www.funeralnet.com](http://www.funeralnet.com) and [www.funeralassistant.com](http://www.funeralassistant.com).

One can try local universities to see if mortuary records have been contributed for historical or research purposes.

Source: Family History Magazine, May/June 2003

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### Seneca County, Ohio

The Seneca County Genealogical Society is publishing a book, "Index To Marriages of Seneca County, Ohio, 1899-1992. The information was compiled from original probate court records. There are 40,000 alphabetical entries of brides and grooms, individual dates, ages, and volume and page number of the record. The book is made of acid-free paper for long life. For more details call 419-447-9628.

Source: Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

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### New York Naturalization Records

Copies of naturalization records covering New York City courts (city, state, county, federal) granting naturalizations were prepared by the WPA of the 1930's for the period to 27 September 1906. They are in the New York Federal Records Center, 641 Washington Street, New York City.





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**Websites:**

**Godfrey Library - [www.godfrey.org](http://www.godfrey.org)**

**Cemetery photos - [www.rootsweb.com/~cemphoto](http://www.rootsweb.com/~cemphoto). Many volunteers charge nothing.**

**Virtual cemetery - [www.genealogy.com/vcem\\_welcome.html](http://www.genealogy.com/vcem_welcome.html)**

**Italian Historical Society of America - <http://www.italianhistorical.org/>**

**Helm's Genealogy Tool Box - <http://www.onlinegenealogy.com>**