



**The Roots and Branches  
Genealogical Society of  
West Volusia County**

**Quarterly Newsletter, September 2006**

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We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month  
(except July/August) at 2 p.m. at the

**DeLand Area Library Auditorium, 130 E. Howry Avenue, DeLand, Florida**

**Upcoming Programs** (Meetings start at 2:00 p.m and Pre-meeting Lessons start at 1:00 p.m.)

**Sept 17: Ann Mohr Osisek, "MY FAMILY WERE METHODISTS, OR WERE THEY?"**

*Pre-Meeting Lesson: Church Records, the Basics – Rosemary Sutton*

**Oct 15: Ari Morse, PROBATE RESEARCH**

*Pre-Meeting Lesson: – Jean Dixon-Anker – subject to be announced*

**Nov 19: Jim & Terry Willard, FRENCH CANADIAN RESEARCH**

*Pre-Meeting Lesson: Genealogy using the Internet – Carol and John Izzo*

**Dec 17: ANNUAL MEETING and CHRISTMAS PARTY**

*Pre-Meeting Lesson: FAMILY HISTORY CENTER DEC 17<sup>th</sup>*

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**InterLibrary Loan - A Boon for Genealogists**

**by Gregg Gronlund, Head, Genealogy and Law Departments, Orlando Public Library**

Genealogists should remember to take advantage of a valuable service provided by local libraries: Inter-Library Loan. Most libraries make this service available to their cardholders. Requests may be for books, microfilm, microfiche, or photocopies.

When requesting a particular title, patrons should also include any particular surnames of interest. We will try to obtain the book, if possible; however, most institutions do not lend Genealogy books, but will make photocopies. We also recommend that patrons indicate if microfilm or microfiche will be acceptable; often, genealogy titles are available in these formats.

Also, patrons should note how much they are willing to pay. Inter-Library Loan service is often free; however, frequently the lending institution charges a fee. Currently, we recommend a limit of \$10 per request, which reflects the increased costs many institutions are now beginning to charge. Often, the request will be filled without any cost to the patron. It is to the patron's advantage to inform us of a cost limit; then, if there is a charge within that limit, we will go ahead and process the request. This will enable us to get the material to the patron much more quickly. There is almost always a charge attached with photocopies, but often less than \$10.

With all Inter-Library Loan requests, we advise patrons to expect at least 4 - 6 weeks before receiving a response. Genealogy requests frequently take longer. When the Inter-Library Loan request has been completed, patrons receive a letter informing them of the results. On occasion, the patron is informed that the material requested is not available. Sometimes the material will be sent directly to the patron. Sometimes, the patron is informed that the material is "Library Use Only," that it can be used only in the Main library, and that it is available to be picked up at the Information Desk. Upon request, it is also possible to send "Library Use Only" titles to a branch to be used there. A due date will be noted and the item must be returned to the lending institution at that time. If additional time is needed, requests for renewals may be made by calling the Inter-Library Loan department ; however, this request must be made before the due date.

### **Another Underused Resource - PERSI**

"The Periodical Source Index, or PERSI, is the largest subject index to genealogical and historical periodical articles in the world. Created by the foundation and department staff of the Historical Genealogy Department of the library here in Fort Wayne, Indiana, PERSI is widely recognized as being a vital source for genealogical researchers. PERSI is a comprehensive subject index covering genealogy and local history periodicals written in English and French (Canada) since 1800. The time period of the articles ranges from the 1700s to the present. More than 1.1 million index entries from nearly six thousand titles are represented by this work.

The bad news is that the index is not available online for free. The CD-ROM runs between \$80 and \$100, and is available at online stores like Ancestry.com. However, if you live anywhere close to a Family History Center, PERSI is available there for free. If you are a member of Ancestry.com, PERSI is one of the databases included in your membership.

To give you an idea of the information available, I obtained copies of the membership records at my great-grandparent's church. I also got the ledger of the little village store where my great-great-grandparents shopped. Because PERSI is an index of genealogy and local history articles, it covers such things as old copies of a genealogical society's newsletters or magazines--the places where those oddball kind of articles are likely to turn up."

Whether you own the CD-ROM, or access the information the FHC, this is only an index. If you live in Fort Wayne IN, you can go to the Allen County Library and get copies of the articles off the microfilms. If you don't live there, you can send a request to the library (form is located at [http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/database/graphics/order\\_form.html](http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/database/graphics/order_form.html) ).

**More PERSI information.** If you have a Volusia County library card you can search PERSI for free from the Volusia County Public Library website. Just go to <http://www.vcpl.lib.fl.us/> . Under the **Databases** section you will see "Click **here** for access. Click the word here and it will take you to "Connect to [www.vcpl.lib.fl.us](http://www.vcpl.lib.fl.us/)" box. Input the first seven digits of your library card (2241700) into the user name box and leave the password box blank. Click OK and it will take you to the database page. Then scroll down to the HeritageQuest Online paragraph and click on "Click here to access HeritageQuest from your home computer". You will now be at the Heritage Quest Online page and be able to search not only PERSI but also the U.S. Federal Census, Genealogy Books, Revolutionary War records, and the Freedman's Bank database.

**Submitted by Roots and Branches member Jerry Hale:**

NOW SEARCH OVER 600 BOOKS WHICH THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY HAS ONLINE.

In Sept. 2005, the LDS Family History Library announced that it has begun the process of digitizing & making available on the Internet ALL of the Family History books in their collection. At that time, about 5000 books were available, and they were adding about 100 titles a week. Books out of copyright are being done first.

The images of these Family History books are actually being stored on the electronic servers at Brigham Young University. By going directly to the BYU website to view the images, you are able to full-text searches on each book. You can now locate the small entry on your elusive grandpa that is buried in one of the books that you would otherwise never thought to look at before.

**HOW TO FIND THE DIGITIZED IMAGES**

Go to the website of the Harold B. Lee Library at BYU at: <http://www.lib.byu.edu/> . On their home page follow the links "Find Other Materials/ Then: "Electronic/ Then: "On Line Collections at BYU."

Click on the "Text Collections" tab & select the "Family History Archive" from the list of collections that are displayed.

You would then normally want to use the "Search All" feature with the "Search All Text" box checked, although the "Advanced Search" will allow very high-powered searches that will allow certain phrases to be searched for & other words to be used to exclude potential hits.

As you make selections from the "hits" that are displayed, you will need to use the "Click Here To View Item" button near the top of the screen to display the actual image of the page. You can page through the entire document using the index displayed on the left side of the screen. Each page may be printed after being viewed. One interesting sidelight is, when you are at the first web page for the Family History Archive, click on the "Browse the Collection" button. This will display every Family History book that has been digitized and is available in the collection. You can scroll through this list much the same as if you were walking up & down the stacks at the library."

When you first log onto: <http://www.lib.byu.edu/> there are loads of other links to check out, too, as well as more links on 2nd page as well. Also, the "Text Collections" page lists lots of other books, sources and resources!

**New Opportunity:** This is the last newsletter that I will edit. I have accepted a volunteer assignment from the Florida attorney general's Senior vs. Crime project. I will be working in their office in South Daytona two days a week and be on the road throughout central Florida presenting programs about protecting seniors against investment fraud, identity theft and Medicare and Medicaid fraud.

I have had this opportunity under consideration since the middle of August and just this week decided to accept. The time I spend with the Senior vs. Crime project will not enable me to continue as active a role in Roots and Branches. Thank you all for your cooperation during the very short time I edited the newsletter.

*Howard Fisher*

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Roots & Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County - New Member Application

**New Member Joining? Please complete detach and mail to address below.**