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Sauls Family-Early Settlers of Volusia County Florida

by Jerry Hale

ORIGIN IN FLORIDA - No researcher has been able to document where the Sauls family originated. A petition for land of 350 acres in Spanish East Florida "at a place called Funk's Savannah (a branch of [the] Nassau in Duval Co, 1 mile above the public road leading to Georgia" by Samuel Sauls is probably where the Florida Sauls family began. In the petition, dated 10 Oct 1815 from "Fernandina, East Florida" Samuel says he has been working the land "for some years" for the support of his family consisting of twelve persons.¹ (see NOTE in right column) In the records of that area are the following roughly contemporary Sauls men: Allen, Daniel, Isaac, John, and Joseph. Whether all of them were related we cannot say until further information is gathered. No burial place has been found for Samuel but someone from Nassau Co., perhaps his widow, applied for a Revolutionary War Pension which was rejected for insufficient information or proof of marriage.² We speculate that Samuel died about 1830. Samuel's wife is said (SAULS - Continued on page 4)



"Brooke Tree FL/Henke Tree OH PA by lmdonemain"
George Sauls (1821-1910)



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We strive to produce an interesting newsletter with original material. Our goal is to leave a trail that will help others. Our focus is **an ever expanding circle**: 1) West Volusia County 2) Volusia County, 3) Florida, 4) SE United States, 5) New England 6) the Middle West and 6) the World.
Are we succeeding? Please send feedback to guide us. Send your ideas and your problems, perhaps someone in the Society can assist you with a brick wall. Have a Query? We will include it in the newsletter so the WORLD will see it and assist. The newsletter is widely distributed including to the **PERSI** database at Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana (ACPL).

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(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)	Annual dues run from 1 Jan to 31 Dec

Dues are considered delinquent if not received by the last day of February.

PROGRAMS (2 p.m. - Auditorium)

July-Aug summer break, no meetings
Sept - Kim Dolce VCPL's Newspaper Archives, Ancestry and Heritage Quest
Oct - Liz Whitaker - Volusia County Clerk's Databases
Nov - Carolyn Carlisle - DNA
Dec - Christmas Social and awards

LESSONS (1 p.m. - Conference Room)

July-Aug summer break, no meetings
Sep - Rosemany Sutton - Preserving Materials
Oct - Being a Private Investigator in Genealogy
Nov - Wars and Military Records
Dec - no lesson, Christmas Social and awards

**** HANDOUT AVAILABLE ON THE WEB SITE***

FEBRUARY SPEAKER - GEORGE MORGAN

Check the calendar for any changes <http://tinyurl.com/2c7bnzv>

The President's Forum – Louise Caccamise



Dear Members,

It is summer and during July and August many of you will be occupied with traveling. But for those remaining in DeLand, it is with great joy that I announce the addition of a new database to our County Library Computer System. In about a month, Fold3 will be available for access from our computer in the Genealogy Room and also at home. As its name implies, with the reference to the folding of the flag at military ceremonies, it is a database that emphasizes military records. Here you will find records from the Revolutionary War to Vietnam. Among the variety of other topics covered are census reports, city directories, 54 newspapers, Pennsylvania Archives, homestead records, early Massachusetts vital records, passport applications and many photos

The Library version of Ancestry.com is already available at our library. Archives.com is in the process of being purchased by Ancestry, so perhaps in the future, we will have additional records available from that source.

we owe a debt of gratitude to the County Library Staff who have been very cooperative and helpful with my requests for additional databases.

At our June Roots and Branches meeting, planned by Bob Weaver and Carol Izzo, a panel consisting of Bob Weaver, Jerry Hale, Howard Fisher, Mary Lois Kelley and myself spoke of the materials that are available in our Genealogy Room. Topics discussed were the vertical files, census microfilm, obit card collection developed by Mary Lois Kelley, the Brownell Collection containing information on hundreds of DeLand families, census indexes, DAR and Mayflower books, periodicals, the digital equipment and collections scanned by Jerry Hale, and lastly the Volunteer Handbook, first done in 2004, which will be a project of mine to update this summer.

Bob Weaver conducted a survey of members concerning future programs, possible trips and ideas in general to improve our organization. If you were not present and have ideas, phone or e-mail him.

Howard Fisher, who has done an excellent job in the past with our Most Esteemed Ancestor Contest, has agreed to chair that committee again. Details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

On behalf of our members and personally, I want to express thanks to Linda Williamson for the excellent job she did on our newsletter over an extended period of time. She is going to be involved in other activities now, but we appreciate the outstanding contribution she made. Jerry Hale has volunteered to do the newsletter and contributions to it should be sent to him. Jerry is also acting as secretary, due to the resignation of our former secretary. He is creating a detailed record of our meetings which will be a great source of information in the years to come.

As we close out the first part of our 2012 year and take a break until September, it is my hope that each of you will have a safe and enjoyable summer wherever you may be.

Louise

LOOKING BACK

DATES OF FIRST EUROPEAN CENEUSES

Austria	1815
Bavaria	1818
France	1801
Great Britain	1815
Greece	1836
Norway	1815
Prussia	1810
Russia	1897
Saxony	1815
Spain	1789
Sweden	1840
Switzerland	1860

(From: R&B NL March 1993)

WHAT'S YOUR LINE?

**If you could see your ancestors
All standing in a row**

**Would you be proud of them?
Or don't you really know?**

**Strange discoveries are sometimes
made,
In climbing the family tree.**

**Occasionally one is found in line
Who shocks his progeny.**

**If you could see your ancestors
All standing in a row,**

**Perhaps there might be one or two
You wouldn't care to know.**

**Now turn the question right about,
And take another view,**

**When you shall meet your ancestors,
Will they be proud of you?**

*Poem from the Hoyt Family
Newsletter read by Bob Fox at Jan
1993 meeting of R&B.*

(SAULS, Continued from page 1) to have been Mary Davis of Virginia. I have found no proof of that.

EARLY HISTORY - Florida became a territory of the U.S. in 1822, and in 1824 Mosquito County, county seat at Enterprise, was created from the area south of St. Johns County. In the 1840 Census the population of Mosquito County was 0. When Florida became a state in 1845 Mosquito was renamed Orange County, with the county seat at Mellonville (now Sanford.)¹⁷ By the 1850 Census there were 466 residents. George Sauls came to Orange County at this time. On Dec 29th 1854 Volusia County was split off with county seat in Enterprise. The county seat of Orange County remained Mellonville until 1856 when it was moved to Orlando.¹⁶

SAULS FAMILY IN CENTRAL FLORIDA - George was born on April 4th, 1821⁵ in Nassau County, contrary to many reports that he came from Georgia or Virginia. He served in the "Florida War" in Mason's Co 1 (Warren's) in 1839 and with Ledwith's Co. 1, Florida Mounted Militia in 1840.⁵ For this service George received, in 1851, a Military Warrant, signed by President Millard Fillmore, for 160 acres of land in Nassau County.⁶

After the war George made his home near Callahan, Nassau County, where he married, on the 25th of July 1847, Adeline Pendarvis⁷, the daughter of George Pendarvis of the same place.⁸ Their first child, Zenobia, was born in 1849. Before the 1850 census a son, John, was born⁹ and shortly after that George, Mr. Minshew and others¹⁰ struck out to the south, settling near Lake Monroe a couple of miles from the present Osteen. He began to build a house out of the trees growing in the area, using large cypress blocks for the foundation and pine logs for the beams. We wonder how he knew how to construct this great house that lasted for 100 years termite free. It was put together with pegs, no nails were available. When it was ready George moved his family from near Callahan to the new house. As the community grew it became known as Saulsville, becoming a stop on the stagecoach route between

Enterprise and New Smyrna. Saulsville might have become a real town but, as so often happened, the railroad went through a few miles away and Osteen grew up while Saulsville has become only a memory.

Between George, Adeline, John and the girls nearly everything they needed in life was produced on their land. A five acre orange grove and some grapefruit were grown. Flax for the spinning wheel was important, Adeline made all of the clothes for the family. Together with other settlers in the area a teacher was hired for the children and preachers of all faiths were invited to conduct services.¹¹ Regrettably the house was burned to the ground on New Years night 1972. The Deltona Corporation had recently given the house to Volusia County Fair Association. The Fair Ass'n was contemplating moving the house to the fairgrounds for restoration to become a museum.²³

George had several younger brothers. The youngest, James (1833-1909), came to Volusia County and lived with George and Adeline. In 1858 he married Martha Minshew²⁵ and they moved to Barberville where they lived for the rest of their lives. Both are buried in the Purdom Cemetery there.²⁶ Brother Emethy (aka Emmett) (1822-1919) married Charlotte Lowther. They stayed in Callahan, Nassau County their whole life and are buried in the Callahan Cemetery there.¹² Brother Allen (1827-1900) married Winifred Mary Dyess and lived in Lake City in Columbia County. Allen is buried in Bethlehem Cemetery in Lake City.¹³ The last record found for Winifred was in Tampa in 1909.¹⁹

CIVIL WAR - All four of the Sauls brothers served the Confederacy during the war. George's roll was as a noncombatant. He looked after women and children whose husbands and fathers were on the battlefield, checking cattle, cotton and tobacco that was hauled to Lake Harney for shipment by boat to Jacksonville for use of the Confederacy. His greatest contribution came after the war ended. General John Cabell Breckenridge,

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Confederate Secretary of War., with a price on his head, had made it, with the help of the underground, to Ft. Butler at Lake George on the St. Johns. The party had acquired a salvaged lifeboat. Breckenridge sent men to Saulsville and engaged George to meet them at Cook's Ferry with "The only boat to be had in that desolate country." George appeared with his wagon and oxen and hauled the boat with provisions and ammunition to the Indian River at Carlisle's Landing, now La Grange, about three miles north of Sand Point, now known as Titusville.^{11, 14}

The other Sauls brothers served in various units. Emethy, also known as Emmett, enlisted in Capt. Jessie Jones' Company K, Florida 2nd Cavalry,¹⁸ Allen enrolled in Capt. F.J. Clark's Co K of Nassau County, Finnegan's Brigade¹⁹ and James enrolled in Sam May's Company C of Col. Thomas Brevard's Battery in the 10th Florida.²⁰ All four survived the war and they and/or their wives all applied for pensions which were granted. Pensions in those days were usually \$67 per annum to begin with, eventually increasing to \$120 and finally \$150 per annum.

TRIBUTE - An essay by a local citizen made tribute to George Sauls.²² It appeared in the newspaper some years after George's death. Here is a part of it: "Old Man" Sauls, for more than fifty years, a leading spirit in the community, was a kindly, hard working, thrifty, hospitable man, as honest as the Sunshine and as true as steel. He lived a long and useful life and died quiet and peaceful . . . "A few years later twenty four direct descendants, children, grandchildren and great-grand children of his gathered to honor their sire." Adeline died with cancer of the face on 22 May 1903 at the



home of her daughter Martha "Mattie" Mrs. R. C. Bushnell in DeLand²¹ and George died 14 Sept 1910¹⁰ at the age of 89. Both are buried in the Osteen Cemetery close by the boulder holding a plaque honoring the Sauls family.



FAMILY - The family numbered twelve. George and Adeline, one son, John and nine daughters. Two of the daughters predeceased George, Clara (Sauls) Mrs. Henry Feltus Quackenbos died in 1886 and Eliza (Sauls) Mrs. Phillip Leonardy in 1874. Both are buried in Osteen Cemetery with their parents.²⁴ Surviving their parents were Zenobia (Mrs. R. D. Brooke) of Osteen, Mary, (Mrs. James Gaines) of Oak Hill, Sarah, (Mrs. D. D. Davis) of Enterprise, Charlotte, (Mrs. Dr. J. B. Screven) of Miami, Ellen, (Mrs. George F. Carlile) of DeLand. Virginia "Jennie", (Mrs. H. H. Bond) of Enterprise and Martha, (Mrs. R. C. Bushnell) of DeLand. Jennie later married Henry Feltus Quackenbos, the widower of her sister Clara,¹⁰ One can imagine how many Volusia County residents and beyond descend from this locally famous pair. In the process of writing this story I encountered Harriett Brooke, a Gr Gr Gr Grand daughter of Zenobia (Sauls) Brooke, secretary and newsletter editor of the Broward County Genealogical Society.



From: 'Imdonemallin' "Brooke Tree FLHenke Tree OH PA" Ancestry Family Trees

A GHOST STORY - The Sauls property was located near the corner of State Road 415 and Howland Boulevard in Deltona. After exploring the Osteen Cemetery and photographing the boulder with a memorial plaque, I noticed George Sauls Avenue. On a whim I drove down the street with no special purpose in mind. A fellow who looked friendly was standing in his front yard so I stopped and *(Concluded on the back page.)*

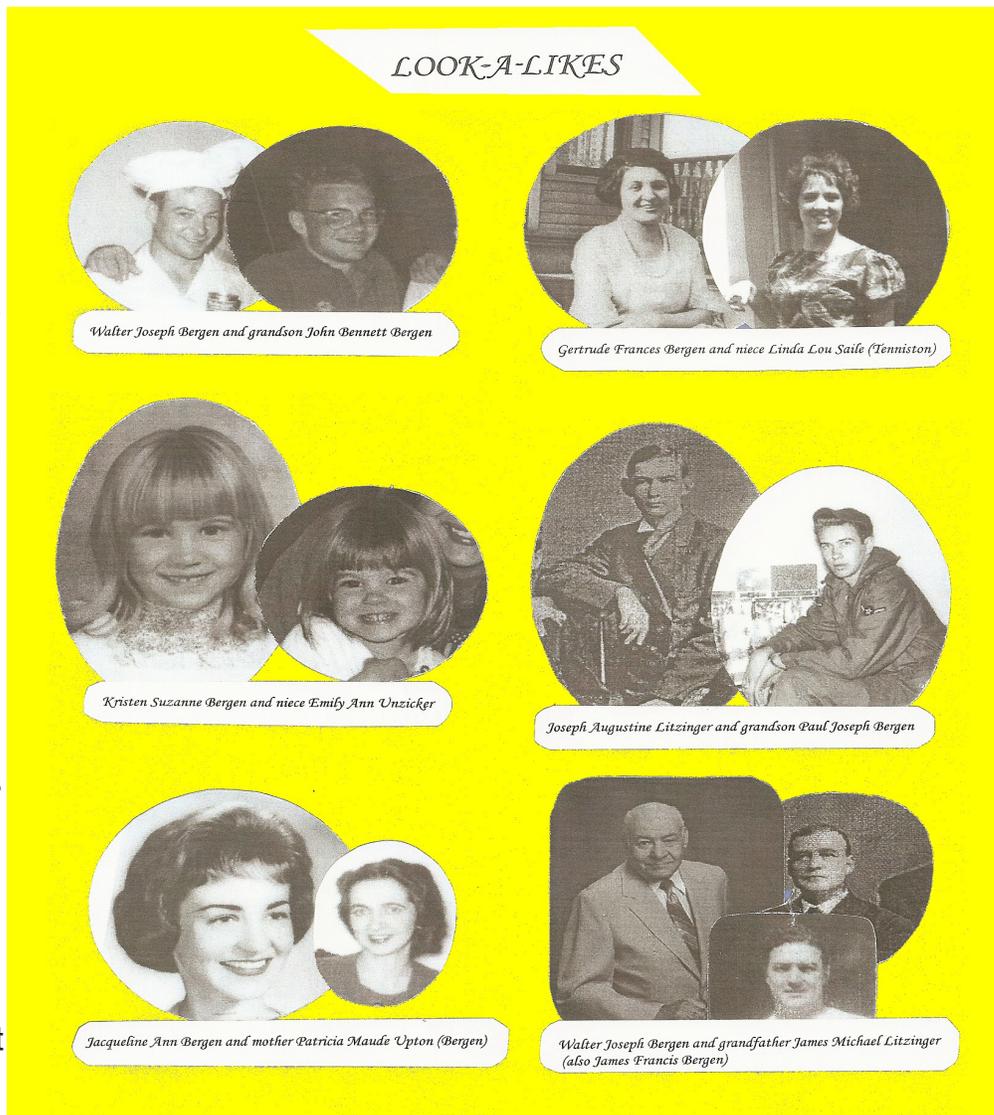
LOOK-A-LIKES

Carmela Bergen

After my father-in-law, Walter Bergen, died in 1994, my husband inherited boxes of photos that his father had saved over his 86 years. After the photos sat in a closet for a number of years, I was given the task of sorting them out and trying to put them in chronological order for his family. In the process I began seeing close family resemblances.

Some of the pairings of the photos were uncanny. My sister-in-law, Jackie, was a mirror image of her mother at age 23. A second cousin of my husband's resembled his grandmother,

Gertrude. Walter Bergen had a duplicate in his grandson, John. Walter and his brother James Bergen closely looked like their grandfather, James. My husband's features looked like his grandfather's. I then took a few of my own personal family photos and compared them. My granddaughter Emily's photo mimics her Aunt Kristen's kindergarten photo. In fact those two photos looked like they could be of the same person. Physical traits may skip a generation or two but will eventually show up. Take a close look at some of your own family photos and you will be amazed at what you can find.



[Clockwise from upper left: Walter Joseph Bergen and grandson John Bennett Bergen; Gertrude Frances Bergen and niece Linda Lou Saife (Tenniston); Joseph Augustine Litzinger and grandson Paul Joseph Bergen; Walter Joseph Bergen and grandfather James Michael Litzinger (also James Francis Bergen); Jacqueline Ann Bergen and mother Patricia Maude Upton (Bergen); Kristen Suzanne Bergen and niece Emily Ann Unzicker;]

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LOOK-A-LIKES Elliott Lee

DNA, the science behind genealogy and ancestry.

One of the first things I did when I started doing genealogy was get an admixture DNA test with the following results. 48% European, 44% Sub-Saharan African and 8% Native American. Then I set out to discover who these ancestors were, that is long story.

These sets of pictures are what I found along the way.

In this discovery process, I found a cousin which I did not know of. He located a photo of my great grandfather, George Payne. I instantly saw that

George's photo was very similar to my high school graduation photo. George was the only ancestor that I looked like. George was also the father of my grandmother, Marie Payne.

The second set of Look-A-Likes: My grandmother Marie, her daughter, Eleanor and my daughter Kathy. Kathy is my fourth child, third daughter and the only Look-A-Like.



Elliott's Great Grandfather George Payne



R&B Member Elliott Lee



Elliott's Grandmother Marie



Elliott's mother Eleanor



Elliott's daughter Kathy

THE COMPUTER SWALLOWED GRANDMA

The computer swallowed grandma.

Yes, honestly its true.

She pressed 'control' and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
She must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Jeeves
My searches to refine.

The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online.'

So, if inside your 'Inbox,'
My Grandma you should see,
Please 'Copy', 'Scan' and 'Paste' her
And send her back to me!

*[From the GLH (Godfrey Library Help
mailing list. Thank you "Helen".
7 Feb 2006]*

"My Most Esteemed Ancestor" Contest

Roots and Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County

"ESTEEM" -----admire, appreciate, apprise, be fond of, cherish, consider, hold dear, honor, idolize, like, look up to, love, prize, regard, regard highly, respect, revere, reverence, think the world of, treasure, value, venerate, worship .

The Roots and Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County (RBGSWVC) is pleased to announce their third annual "My Most Esteemed Ancestor" contest. The contest is open to all residents of Volusia and Flagler Counties.

To enter, write a story about your most esteemed ancestor in five hundred words or less. The contest period is July 1, 2012 until November 15, 2012.

Mail your entry, to arrive no later than December 1, 2012 to: DeLand Regional Library, 130 East Howry Avenue, Deland, Florida 32721-0612, Attn: Roots and Branches Genealogical Society.

You may also send your entry as an attachment to an email address set up for this contest: Esteemed Ancestor@howardfisher.com

The Roots and Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County (RBGSWVC) will not be responsible for incomplete, lost, late, misdirected or illegible entries.

Roots and Branches will award cash prizes of \$100 for the first place winner, \$50 for second and \$25 for the third place winner. In addition, each winner will receive a certificate recognizing their achievement and a one-year membership to Roots and Branches Genealogical Society.

The panel of judges for the contest will be: the Associate Managing Editor of the Hometown News; Kathleen Mann, Regional Librarian, DeLand Regional Library; and Gery Walker, of the DeLand Rotary Club.

Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the Roots and Branches meeting on Sunday, December 16, 2012.

All entries of 500 words or less must include a completed and signed Roots and Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County (RBGSWV) "My Most Esteemed Ancestor" Entry Form.

All entries become the property of the The Roots and Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County.

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ENTRY FORM

2012 “My Most Esteemed Ancestor” Contest
Roots and Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County

Entries will be accepted from July 1, 2010 and November 15, 2012 and the awards will be presented at the RBGSWVC meeting on December 16, 2012.

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By submitting this entry in the Roots and Branches Genealogical Society of Volusia County “My Most Interesting Ancestor” contest, I acknowledge that my entry is the property of the Roots and Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County and give my consent to RBGSWV to make public (publish in both print and on the internet) the information which has been submitted by the undersigned for the Roots and Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County 2012 “My Most Esteemed Ancestor” contest.

Please print, sign and if under 18 years of age include parent/guardian signature.

Contestant’s Name (print) _____

Contestant’s
Signature _____ Date _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print) _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____



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TO:

Founded in 1986, Roots & Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County serves the cities of DeLand, Deltona, DeBary, Enterprise, Osteen, Pierson and Seville. The purpose of this Society is to stimulate and promote interest in genealogical and historical research and provide instruction in the use of efficient mechanics and adherence to scientific principles of accuracy and thoroughness in research. We meet the third Sunday of each month, except July and August, in the Auditorium of the DeLand Public Library at 130 East Howry Avenue in DeLand, Florida. We have a 45 minute lesson in the Conference room (behind the Audio Visual Desk) given by one of our experienced members. Guests are always welcome. We also cover the Genealogy and Local History Room on the second floor of the library, attempting to provide a volunteer whenever the library is open. Library hours are: M-Th 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Fri, Sat & Sun 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

<p><i>(SAULS from page 5)</i> introduced myself and asked whether he had ever heard of George Sauls. He got a funny look on his face and asked "Do you believe in ghosts?" I said that I was agnostic on the subject. He said that the old Sauls well was just at the back edge of his property and that, on several occasions George Sauls had appeared to him, standing beside the well. He described George and, from the descriptions I have read, I</p>	<p>concluded that he had either seen George as he claimed or had read the same things I had. He said he had never been to the DeLand Library and knew very little about the Sauls family. This fellow was a retired truck driver from Pennsylvania and, from what he told me, could hardly have known what George Sauls looked like. It was an eerie feeling and I went back to my car glancing over my shoulder from time to time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">.-.-.</p>
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