



Roots & Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County

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THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY GO TO DEBARY

By Jane Burr, Recording Secretary

This past summer while I was volunteering in the Genealogy Room, I listened to a voice mail from a lady in DeBary. When I called her back, I learned that her group, ABWA, American Business Women's Association, wanted someone to come to their group and talk about genealogy. I called Harriet Bolin and asked her to present their request at our next meeting. However, after thinking about the idea for a few minutes, I called Harriet again and suggested that she and I would go ourselves - and she agreed!



Harriet Bolin at IHOP in DeBary

And that is how Harriet Bolin, President of Roots and Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County and I happened to be eating a delicious Thanksgiving dinner at IHOP in DeBary on November 19, 2015. We had a few minutes to get acquainted with the members as they gathered for their monthly meeting. There were a dozen women of all ages, mid-twenties into retirement. We learned that a few of them had done family genealogy already, while some had never written down a single word or name. It was quite a diverse group in deed. We heard that a couple of ladies had attended a Roots and Branches meeting and had suggested the group might like to learn about genealogy, and thus, the phone call to the library.

After we were introduced, Harriet, in her schoolteacher voice, gave her basic "Introduction to Genealogy" presentation. While she talked, I passed out copies of the "Getting Started" handouts we use in the Genealogy Room along with extra copies of the "Family Group Sheet" and "5-Generation Chart" from the handout. Harriet talked about various genealogy resources including one of her favorite authors, Emily Anne Croom. We showed them two of Emily's books, "Unpuzzling Your Past, a Basic Guide to Genealogy" and her accompanying workbook. Harriet also had a short handout with "10 Top 'Free' Genealogy Websites," "Home Record Resources" and another form, "Individual Data Sheet."

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Roots & Branches Winter Meetings Calendar

(DeLand Regional Public Library)

LESSONS (1:00 PM, Conference Room, 1st floor)

Jan. 17 – “Getting Started” with Rosemary Sutton Presenting

Feb. 21 – Bernice Gleason Presenting

Mar. 20 – Jack Crahan Presenting

PROGRAMS (2:00 PM, Auditorium, 1st floor)

Jan. 17 – Elliott Lee Presenting

Feb. 21 – To Be Announced

Mar. 20 – To Be Announced

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www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flrbgs



President's Message

Dear Fellow Tree Climbers,

Ready, set, GO – into an exciting new year of searching for our ancestors.

Looking back over my resolutions from last Winter's newsletter, I see I have managed to attend only one seminar, but I did get to visit two distant genealogical libraries. Sadly, I must report that my paper files are still in a state of disarray. I will try again to tame the papers. So, what resolutions have you made for 2016?

The North Florida Genealogical Conference will be in Orange Park, FL, on March 19, 2016. Information should arrive by our January meeting. Shall we plan to have a carpool? Then there's the National Genealogical Society annual conference, May 4-7, 2016, in Fort Lauderdale. Another opportunity for great speakers.

Is there a particular facet of genealogy you are particularly inspired about? Now that the 1 PM lessons will be on a rotating basis, perhaps you can sign up to present that aspect of genealogy to the students. Look for the green sign-up sheet at the meetings.

Let's make 2016 a banner year in our searches and in our active participation in our society.

Happy Tree Climbing,

Harriet Bolin

Annual Membership Fees Are Due

If you have not already paid your membership fees for 2016, please do so. The annual fee is \$15.00 and checks can be made payable to Roots & Branches Genealogical Society. Mail to:

Roots & Branches Genealogical Society
% DeLand Regional Library
130 E. Howry Ave.
DeLand, FL 32724

Pictures are being taken at the Monthly Regular Meeting for the new Membership Directory.

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The President and Secretary Go to DeBary (Continued from Page 1)

As is always the best approach, Harriet told them to start with themselves. I helped each lady start the 5-Generation Chart by writing her own name in the number 1 space. Then add her parents and grandparents, etc. completing as much information as she knew. Harriet told them to always use pencil until you prove the data, then they could change to pen.

Then I showed each lady the two Family Group Sheets. One would be for her, her husband and their children, and the other one would be for her parents with her as their child. At first they all seemed overwhelmed with the forms, but as Harriet continued to talk they “got it” and finally all seemed to be enjoying themselves.

Harriet showed them a book, *Founders of Early American Families*, which she initially found in our Genealogy Room collection in the DeLand Library. In the book she found a listing for her ancestor, Thomas Barnes, with the notation, “(His) First wife executed for alleged witchcraft.” Harriet said, “You never know where a great clue will appear.”



Harriet with her book

The allotted 25 minutes for our program, expanded into an hour, but no one seemed to mind.

Before we left we were given handouts from their group, ABWA, which included their mission statement:

“To bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide them opportunities for them and to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition.”



Our presentation would probably be considered educational. Although it is impossible to know just how much we were able to expand these ladies’ genealogical horizons, this was a first for us. Who knows? Maybe the first of many such ventures.

Harriet giving her talk

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Recipes from our Christmas Social

Empire Biscuits – shared by Pauline Crahan, from a friend's Grandmother (from Scotland)*

2 ½ cup flour
1 egg, beaten
½ cup sugar
Raspberry preserves
½ pound margarine/butter

Cream butter, sugar and egg. Add flour.
Roll dough ¼ inch thick. Cut into 24 rounds.
Bake until light, in 350 degree oven for 15 – 20 minutes.
When cool, spread with Raspberry preserves.

Icing:

1 egg white
Confectioners' sugar
¼ tsp. Butter
Colored sugar
Mix egg white and butter. Add confectioners' sugar until it reaches spreading consistency.
Top with colored sugar.

* This recipe was given to me more than 40 years ago by a good friend of mine (Barbara). She obtained the recipe from her mother/grandmother. They are Scottish in origin. I posted a picture on Facebook of the cookies I made this year and received a response from the daughter of my friend who gave it to me, and told me her mother still makes them every year.

Welsh Cookies – shared by Jane Burr

3 cups flour
½ cup currants
1 cup sugar
½ cup butter
½ tsp. salt
¼ cup milk
1 1/8 tsp. nutmeg
2 eggs, beaten
1 Tbsp. baking powder

Mix dry ingredients and currants. Work in butter. Add milk and eggs to mixture.
Chill. Roll out to 1/4 " thick. Cut into circles with cookie cutter.
Place on 325 degree griddle 2-3 minutes each side.

For the past 30-35 years our family has been making Welsh cookies. Stores and shops in Northeastern Pennsylvania sold the flat round cookies in packs of 6-8 and my family embraced them wholeheartedly. Now they are one of our favorites, and definitely the only one that is made on a griddle!

I assumed that Welsh cookies came from Wales, but I didn't know why until I "Googled" and learned that Welsh coal miners put the shortbread cookie in their lunch pails and took them into the mines. As miners emigrated to Northeastern Pennsylvania, they brought the recipe with them and took the cookies into the mines in Scranton and Forest City, PA. I was at once surprised and a little disappointed to learn that the recipe was not limited to my home state. They are also popular in New Hampshire, Michigan and even in Ontario, Canada.

Cocoa Chiffon Cake – shared by Bernice Gleason from Georgia Brownell (her Grandmother)

Stir until smooth and cool:
3/8 cup (1/4 c. + 2 Tbsp.) boiling water
¼ cup cocoa
Measure and sift together into mixing bowl:
7/8 cup (3/4 c. + 2 Tbsp.) flour
1 ½ tsp. baking powder

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7/8 cup sugar
Make a well and add in order:
¼ cup cooking oil
4 unbeaten egg yolks (medium size)
Cocoa mixture
Beat with spoon until smooth.
Measure into large mixing bowl:
½ cup egg whites
Whip until whites form very stiff peaks. They should be much stiffer than for Angel Food or Meringue. Do not under beat.
Pour yolk mixture over whites. Gently fold in with rubber scraper.
Bake in 9" tube pan 50-55 minutes.
Note: I used a 350 degree oven, which recipe did not specify. (Bernice)

"Aunt Cookie's" Toll House Cookies (a.k.a. Cora Hatch Bedell)– shared by Harriet Bolin

1 cup shortening	1 teaspoon baking soda in 1 Tablespoon
1 cup brown sugar	warm water
1 cup white sugar	1 bag chocolate bits
2 or 3 eggs, 2 will do if real large	1 cup nuts
3 ½ to 4 cups flour	1 ½ teaspoon vanilla, and a few drops
1 teaspoon baking powder	Black Walnut extract (optional)
1 teaspoon salt	

Preheat oven to 375 to 400 degrees.

Cream shortening, add sugars, then eggs, flour with baking powder, salt, and soda.

Makes 60-70 cookies. I like to stir these up and let stand in refrigerator until chilled,

But it's not necessary. CHB

Mushrooms – shared by Carol Izzo

½ cup bread crumbs	2 Tablespoons Italian cheese
1 Tablespoon parsley	1 teaspoon of salt in water
Nice clove garlic	Shake of pepper

Cut out stem and fill in top of mushroom. (In ingredients, add extra – 1 egg and pour oil over mushrooms.) Bake in the oven until done, for about ½ hour at 350 degrees.

Mom's Chocolate Cake – shared by Judy Warensford

1 ½ cup unsifted allpurpose flour	1 Tbsp. imitation vanilla extract
1 cup granulated sugar	1 Tbsp. white vinegar
1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa	½ cup vegetable oil
1 tsp. baking soda	1 cup water
½ tsp. salt	

In mixing bowl, combine first 5 ingredients.

Make a well in the center of the mixture, add vanilla, vinegar & oil, then gradually stir in water.

Continue stirring until well blended, do not overmix. Pour batter into greased,

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8 inch square pan. Bake in preheated 375 degree oven for 20 minutes. Do not over bake.

Grandma's Pride of Iowa Cookies – shared by Margot Hale (Recipe by Zylpha Maud Richmond Hale, 1893 – 1990)

1 cup powdered sugar	1 cup margarine
1 cup white sugar	1 cup vegetable oil
2 eggs	

Cream together

4 cups and 4 rounded Tablespoons Flour	1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt	1 teaspoon cream of tartar
	1 teaspoon vanilla

Roll into balls and dip in sugar. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Press flat with the bottom of a glass dipped in sugar, every once in a while, to keep from sticking to the glass.

Bake 10 – 12 minutes in a 350 degree oven.

Watch closely, they burn easily.

Add different decorations on cookies before baking. Add more when cookies are done.

Banana Bread #3 – shared by Elliott Lee

½ cup butter	1 ½ cup flour
1 cup sugar	1 tsp. baking soda
2 eggs, beaten	½ tsp. salt
4 bananas, mashed	½ tsp. vanilla

Grease & flour loaf pan.

Cream butter & sugar. Add eggs & bananas. Combine well.

Sift flour, soda & salt together. Add to creamed mixture. Add vanilla.

Bake at 350 degrees for 60 minutes.

Optional: When completely cooled, sprinkle confectioners sugar on top.

From the *Pennsylvania State Grange Cook Book, 1950* (shared by Jane Burr):

THE BAKER

She measured out the butter with a very solemn air; the milk and sugar also; and she took the greatest care to count the eggs correctly, and to add a little bit of baking powder, which you know, beginners oft omit.

Then she stirred it all together, and she baked it for an hour; but she never quite forgave herself for leaving out the flour.

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DOUGHNUTS

Doctors all agree that the best and most wholesome part of a doughnut is the hole.

The larger the hole the better the doughnut.

THE NEED FOR COOKS

We may live without poetry, music and art;
we may live without conscience and live without heart;
we may live without friends; we may live without books;
but civilized man cannot live without cooks.

Owen Meredith's Lucile

Visit Roots & Branches on Facebook

Here's a great place to learn about genealogy – our own Facebook page. Cindy Raynor has been posting some very interesting links, such as, The Florida History Network, My Genealogy Hound, and videos, too. Please visit, visit often, add comments, share information, and “like” the posts to spread the word about our group and the Facebook page. Visit the page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Roots-and-Branches-Genealogical-Society-of-Volusia-CountyFlorida-987404804624627/timeline/>.

Volusia County, Florida Genealogy Website Restored

A website that had been created and maintained by longtime local genealogist, Bill Morgan, had not been available for a while. It has now been restored to an active status and is currently being managed by our own Jerry Hale. There is a link on the Roots & Branches website. From the homepage click on the Current Information link in the left column, then you will see another link for New Information on the far right. Follow the link or go to www.volusiagenealogy.com.

This website has a wealth of information of local interest, including cemeteries, Bible records, deaths, births, early marriages, county censuses, and funeral home records.

Thank you to Jerry Hale for bringing this back for us.

The 19th Annual Central Family History Conference

by Carol & John Izzo

On November 7, 2015 we attended the 19th Annual Central Florida Family History Conference at the Olympia High School in Orlando. This is one of the largest family historical conferences on America's East Coast. This regional event brings world-class speakers from all over the country. Among the sponsors of the conference were: Latter Day Saints Church (familysearch.org) and the Central Florida Genealogical Society. The Conference ran from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. with an estimated 500 people in attendance. There were five class periods throughout the day with several concurrent sessions.

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The keynote address was given by Mr. Kory Meyerink whose topic was “Ancestry Member Trees or Family Search Tree at Family Search? Why not both?” Mr. Meyerink, one of the founding partners of ProGenealogist, has been involved in nearly every aspect of genealogy and family history for the past 30 years. Kory has several free on-line presentations on youtube.com. These can be found by searching youtube.com for the name Kory Meyerink. These presentations by Kory include “researching your German Ancestors” and “Effective Database Search Tactics.”

The session 1 topics were:

- Basic Beginning Genealogy: Where do I Start?
- Researching Your Irish Catholic Ancestors
- Is DNA What I Need to Further My Family Tree?
- Died Suddenly Friday Last of Gunshot: Finding Kin in Early Newspapers
- Using Smartphones, Tablets (I-Pads) for Family History Research
- Researching Your Greek Ancestors!
- Meatless Mondays and Wheatless Wednesdays of World War I
- Genealogy Myths and Legends: Fact, Fiction or a Little of Both?
- Why having a Global Tree is the Better Model

The session 2 topics were:

- Courthouse and Public Records: A Treasure Trove of Information
- Say What? Understanding Abbreviations, Dates, etc. in English Records
- Principles and Pitfalls of Immigration Research
- The U.S. Census 13 Things You Probably Didn't Know!
- Social Media and Genealogy
- New!! Hinting, Record Search, and the FamilySearch Search Engine
- Reaching Your German Ancestors: New Ways!
- Organizing Your Family History: Best Ideas
- Hispanic and Caribbean Family History Workshop

The session 3 topics were:

- Google as a Family Reach Tool
- Marriages, Murders, and a Munchkin, Oh My!!
- Probate, Estate and Guardianship Records
- The Courthouse Burned! What Now? New Work-Arounds!
- Church Records: A Mixed Blessing for American Research
- Medieval and Early Modern Research Workshop
- Giving Back: Sharing Your Family History Research
- Descendency Research: Looking at Your Family Tree Upside Down to Find Cousins!
- Maps and the DeedMapper Software

The session 4 topics were:

- Free Premium Family History Websites
- Where Did the Record Come From? Six On-Line Search Strategies

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Separating Family Fiction from Fact: Getting the Real Story
Problems When You Try and Work with Living Relatives
What Could Have Happened: Solving Tough Problems
How to Study a Surname: New Ideas!
Branch Out to Find Your Roots: West Oaks Library & Genealogy Center
Using the Granite Mountain Record Vault as Your Personal Repository For Free!
30 Pieces of Tech I Can't Live Without

The session 5 topics were:

A Dozen Reasons to Join a Genealogy Society
Where Did They Come From? Five Key Immigration Research Strategies
Ten Ways to Be a Better Ancestor
Pennsylvania is Now Online!
Probate Records in England and Wales before Jan. 12, 1858
A Dozen Resources You Should Be Using But Probably Aren't
Collaboration: Using the New Feature FamilySearch Messaging to Communicate Effectively With Cousins
Homestyle Preservation of Your Family History Research

Editor's Note: Watch for this conference again this coming November. It has been held at the same location for the past few years and is easy to access.

North Florida Genealogy Conference Coming Up in March 2016

The 6th annual North Florida Genealogy Conference, held in Orange Park, Florida, is scheduled for **Saturday, March 19, 2016**, from 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM. The conference will be held at The Family History Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 461 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, Florida. The list of sessions and speakers for the Northeast Florida Genealogy Conference is now available for viewing on the website, www.nfgenealogyconference.org/classes/. The registration link was not ready as of the publication of this newsletter, but keep checking the website if you want to preregister.

The conference is sponsored by the North Florida Family History Center, the Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society, and the Jacksonville Genealogy Society.

As you can see from the list of topics covered in the Central Florida Family History Conference, described by Carol and John Izzo above, we are fortunate to be so close to both of these genealogy conferences.

National Genealogical Society 2016 Family History Conference

Fort Lauderdale, Florida – May 4-7, 2016

Exploring the Centuries: Footprints in Time

This is another incredible opportunity to learn from some of the top experts in the field of genealogy, right here in our own state. This won't happen again anytime soon folks, so seriously consider registering and making hotel reservations soon if you haven't already. All conference

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events are scheduled at the **Greater Ft. Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center**, 1950 Eisenhower Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316.

There are 180 lectures and workshops to choose from on a wide range of local, regional, and general genealogy topics. You can view and print the conference schedule at the conference website, <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>. The topics are organized into tracks entitled: BCG Skillbuilding, Land Records, Starting Off, Gulf Coast and Caribbean, Cemeteries, Courthouse Research, Context, Tips and Techniques, Florida Military, and Resources and Repositories. You can choose lectures from any of the tracks. The lectures are scheduled between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. There is an opening keynote address, luncheon lectures, and evening events to add on to your registration. And there is an Exhibit Hall open each day, featuring vendors displaying genealogical goods and services.

The basic registration fee for the four day event starts at \$205 for NGS members (\$240 for non-members) before the Early Bird deadline of March 31, 2016. There are additional fees for any of the luncheon lectures, pre-conference events, and printed syllabus (electronic syllabus download included). And the hotel and food expenses are separate. It's recommended that you use the link from the conference website to access the hotels, <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/accommodations>. A few more hotels have been added to this link as some were already filling up.

Genealogy Favorites Back on TV

The *Finding Your Roots* TV show returned to the air on **Tuesday, January 5, 2016** at 8:00 PM on PBS, WUCF. This is the third season of the popular show with host, Harvard scholar, Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Twenty-eight new guests will be featured, including Maya Rudolph, Richard Branson, Soledad O'Brien, Bill Hader, Julianne Moore, Keenen Ivory Wayans, Senator John McCain, Norman Lear, Shonda Rhimes, and more.

The *Genealogy Roadshow* also returns to PBS starting on May 17, 2016, for Season 3. This show brings genealogy experts to cities across the country to meet with local residents. Boston, Miami, Houston, and Los Angeles are among the cities on the schedule for this season.

And finally, no information was available about a possible Season 8 of *Who Do You Think You Are?* as of the date of publishing this newsletter. It was broadcast most recently on The Learning Channel (TLC).

RootsTech 2016 Global Family History Conference

RootsTech, hosted by Family Search, is advertised as the largest family history event in the world. It is scheduled for February 3 – 6, 2016, in Salt Lake City, Utah. The schedule lists 288 sessions featuring 216 speakers, many well known names in the world of genealogy. While not many from here may plan to attend, historically RootsTech has “live streamed” sessions for free viewing and archived recordings for a generous period of time. So plan to visit the website, <http://www.rootstech.org> and watch for links to the live stream.

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Calendar of Events

January 2016

Jan 19, Tues, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, “Sleletons in Our Closets: Researching a Family Scandal” by Ruth B. Seidenberg, Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Orlando, Jewish Community Center of Greater Orlando, Roth JCC Maitland Campus, Senior Lounge, 851 N. Maitland Ave., Maitland, FL. \$5 for nonmembers. Visit website, <http://www.jgsgo.org> or <http://www.facebook.com/jsgsgreaterorlando>, or call (407) 494-4230.

Jan 21, Thurs, 8:00 – 9:00 PM, “Your Ancestor Was... Occupations of Our Ancestors” by Nancy Waters Lauer, Webinar, Florida State Genealogical Society, free during live broadcast, archived for members, must preregister, <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3959269167127085314>.

Jan 30, Sat, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM, Winter Program with Gary M. Smith, Genealogical Society of Palm Beach County, Embassy Suites, 1601 Belvedere Rd., West Palm Beach, FL. Pre-registration is required, \$50 nonmembers, includes 4 lectures and lunch. Must be received by Sat., Jan. 23rd. Contact Walter Holmes, (561) 616-3455, or ancestry@gencosofpbc.org, or www.gensocofpbc.org.

Jan 30, Sat, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, “The Winning Edge in German Research” by James M. Beidler, Southwest Germanic Genealogy Society, Inc. Annual Seminar, 24 Twenty-One Event Center, 2421 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952. \$35 nonmembers, includes 4 lectures and lunch. Registration required by Jan. 22nd. Contact Joanne Ryder, ryder.joanne@gmail.com or (941) 625-6443.

February 2016

Feb 6, Sat, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, MGS Genealogy Seminar featuring George G. Morgan, Manatee Genealogical Society, Bethel Baptist Church, 1805 30th Ave. W, Bradenton, FL. \$40 nonmembers, includes 4 lectures and lunch. Must preregister to receive lunch. Contact Ted Reich, treich43@aol.com, or visit <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/flmgs/>.

Feb 18, Thurs, 8:00 – 9:00 PM, “Family History - From a Pile of Pieces to a Puzzle Picture” by Donna M. Moughty, Webinar, Florida State Genealogical Society, free during live broadcast, archived for members, must preregister, <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6176932443304804354>.

Feb 27, Sat, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Annual Conference of the Florida Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society with Debra Mieszala, CG. Leesburg Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Leesburg, FL. \$60 nonmembers, includes 3 lectures and lunch. Contact Yolanda Campbell Lifter, ylifter@ohiofamilyresearch.com or visit <http://ogsfl.org>.

Other Online/Webinar Events

Legacy Family Tree Webinars, <http://familytreewebinars.com/>.

Southern California Genealogical Society Webinars,
<http://www.scsgenealogy.com/webinars-index.htm..>

Family Search Learning Center, <https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/home.html>.

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Ancestry Academy, <https://www.ancestry.com/academy/courses/>.

Dear Myrtle GeneaWebinars Calendar, <http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/p/geneawebinars-calendar.html>.

Georgia Genealogical Society Webinars, <http://www.gagensociety.org/eventswebinars>.

**Many state genealogical societies are offering webinars for free during the broadcast, and archiving them for members. Dear Myrtle's Calendar picks up some of them, but search for the name of any state society's website to see if they offer something that is not listed elsewhere.

Podcasts

Lisa Louise Cook, <http://www.lisalouisecooke.com/podcasts-2/>.

Genealogy Guys by George G. Morgan and Drew Smith, <http://genealogyguys.com/>

Blogs/Online Newsletters

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter by Dick Eastman, <http://www.eogn.com/wp/>.

GeneaBloggers by Thomas MacEntee, <http://www.geneabloggers.com>.

Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems, <http://www.isalouisecooke.com/blog/>.

The Legal Genealogist, Judy Russell, <http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog>.

Editorial Policy

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Please Note: Submission of articles and information by members is essential to this newsletter. If you enjoy receiving the newsletter please submit articles about your family research, information about helpful research locations, resources, websites, or seminars you have attended. Contact the Editor with questions about potential articles, or to share your ideas or feedback. Thank you.

Suggestions? Ideas? Questions?

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: Volusia County, Florida, United States---and 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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Roots & Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County

Who We Are:

Roots & Branches was formed in 1986, and is dedicated to educating its members and the community about proper genealogical research methods and sources, preserving records of genealogical value, and making them available to others.

When & Where We Meet:

Our meetings are held on the **third Sunday** of every month (except July and August), at 2:00 PM, in the first floor Auditorium of the DeLand Public Library, 130 East Howry Avenue, DeLand, Florida.

Our Programs include knowledgeable speakers on a variety of topics. We also have a 45 minute lesson before the meeting, at 1:00 PM in the first floor Conference Room, given by one of our experienced members. Guests are always welcome

What Else We Do:

Our members provide volunteer coverage in the **Genealogy and Local History Room** on the second floor. We attempt to provide coverage whenever the library is open. The library hours are: Mon-Thurs 9:30 am to 7:30 pm, Fri & Sat 9:30 am to 5:00 pm, and Sun 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

We sponsor an **annual writing contest** to encourage members and those in the community to share their family history. Monetary prizes are awarded for first, second, and third place entries.



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