

# Volusia County Genealogical Society Newsletter

30 Years at City Island Library Daytona Beach Florida

February 2007

## Presidents Corner

Hello VCGS Members - February is a month full of history for all of us.

I am pleased to announce Society positions filled; Harold Gauper - Parliamentarian, Ivey Bedell - Library Chairman, Annabelle O'Neill - Travel Chairman, Laura Rains Jones - Membership Chairman and Alma Ubbens our long time Archivist has taken on the job of Refreshment Committee Chairman. Please contact Alma if you can help in the future with refreshments. Thank you all for your participation.

Thank you to Tom Wells for his great presentation on his New book and the details that go into self publishing.

February 15th Dr. William H Stemper (see flyer) will speak on "Florida History and Genealogy - 'Where They Meet' - A Carolingian Perspective",

Thank you to everyone that brought their dues up to date for 2007. We are preparing a 2007 Membership Directory, and we would not want to leave anyone out.

Have a Happy Valentines Day !

John Woodard  
President VCGS  
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## Officers for 2007

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## Day Research Trip March

VCGS Announces a Day Trip to Jacksonville- The Southern Genealogists Exchange Society Library Includes a Private Library Session with Orientation. SGEF costs \$5 [www.sgejck.com](http://www.sgejck.com)

March 5th 2007 Daily Bus Transportation Round Trip Cost \$3000 per person paid in advance for round trip.

Daytona City Island Library 8:00am Arr. Jacksonville approx 1:00pm Leave Jacksonville 3:00pm  
Arrive City Island approx 5:00

Note: We must have minimum 25 people to make the trip.

Lunch is available in immediate area.

To sign up or more information contact

Annabelle O'Neill

VCGS Travel Event Chairman

(386) 257-2832

We expect this to be the first of many Genealogical research trips, so please do not hesitate if you are interested.

All Societies are welcome to join in this.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flvcs/>

## Welcome New VCGS Members

Jean and Joseph Burns,

Isabel Brees and Philip Klema

Your Members name tags are in the  
Members book on the welcome table.

## By-Laws Review Committee Report

Friday Feb 2 the 2007 By-Laws committee met to review the By-Laws and update the Standing Rules. Draft proposals will be presented to the Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Executive Board meeting and if approved will be posted in the March Newsletter and presented to the April 19<sup>th</sup> general meeting for membership vote.

After ratification the By-Laws will be posted on the VCGS website <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flvcs/> for all to access. The VCGS website was recently updated.

**Check it out - Feed back welcome!**

## VCGS Newsletter Distribution

So that we may save postage and insure you get your Newsletter PLEASE ALL Members give your email address to John Woodard Or email [VCGS@cfl.rr.com](mailto:VCGS@cfl.rr.com)

For Members that do not have email we will place a Newsletter on the table each meeting for you. Thank you all in advance for making this happen.

### Members Surnames

Member Joyce Bailey has volunteered to compile a list of Members Surnames. We will print this list in this VCGS Newsletter and add a Society Surname Page to the VCGS Website <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flvcgs/>

We need your input as to what family surnames you are researching and what Counties and States you have some experience in researching.

By including your County, State and Country you as members provide the Library Chairman and Book Committee direction as to what areas we need to select research books for the Genealogy Room at City Island. You may provide someone or yourself with a contact that might break down a brick wall.

Your participation in this project and ONLY you the members will make it a success

Please email your surnames and family locations to [VCGS@cfl.rr.com](mailto:VCGS@cfl.rr.com)

### VCGS Calendar

**Feb 15 5:00p** VCGS Board Meeting Board Room.

**Feb 15 6:00p** VCGS General Meeting and Program by Dr. William H. Stemper, Jnr. (Oxon), F.R.S.A. (London) on "Florida History and Genealogy - 'Where They Meet' - A Carolingian Perspective" followed by a social. See Flyer included this NL.

**Feb 20 10:00a** V-F Council Gen Societies Quarterly Meeting Board Room City Island Library

**March 15 5:00p** VCGS Board Meeting in Board Room.

**March 15 6:00p** General Meeting and Program Speaker June Byrne on "Virginia Research" followed by a social.

**April 19 5:00p** VCGS Board Meeting in Board Room.

**April 19 6:00p** General Meeting with Round Table Open Discussion on members research. Membership vote on revised By-Laws.. Refreshments.

**May 18 5:00p** VCGS Board Meeting in Board Room

**May 18 6:00p** General Meeting and Program Speaker Del Leonard on "FTM and Internet Genealogy Research" followed by a social.

**Jun 15 5:00p** VCGS Board Meeting in Board Room

**Jun 15 6:00p** Social Party - Everyone Brings a treat

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### VCGS Mission and support of the Genealogy Room at City Island Library

The mission of the Society is to encourage Society members and the community to find their ancestors and connect with the past. Provide enlightening speakers at the monthly meetings on relative topics to aid, assist and better our research. Promote the use of and growth of our genealogy research room develop our resources and grow our collection.

Society Dues are used to purchase books relevant to the research our members are involved with and to provide speakers that benefit our research.

Society Members are special people. The monthly meetings are gatherings of good times shared as well as sharing of useful research tools or ideas. We are lucky to share similar ideals and goals with four other Genealogy Societies in our area, sharing collections, ideas and most important connections.

The Genealogy and History room is manned by Society Volunteers. We have many members that generously contribute their time in , manning the room. However there remains a few days we have no one in the room. If you can and have a few hours here or there, Please contact Celia Jones our Librarian at the reference desk at City Island. No experience is required and be very sure that you it is rewarding and you will learn something yourself by helping somebody else with their research.

## Brick wall Look Up for February

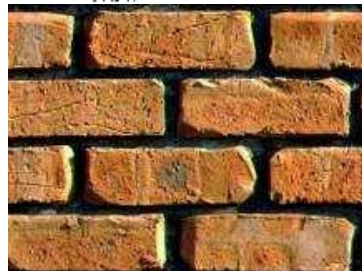
We all have that nagging miss-placed ancestry line with a Great Grandpa or Grandmother that simply seems to have popped up in the family with out a clue of a hint where they came from, and in some cases some have one or two that disappeared with out a trace.

These are our Brick walls. Lets break down those Brick walls. As a group with a little help from our Friends and fellow researchers we can take a few minutes each month and collectively aid a VCGS Member by looking for their Brick Wall. A new Brick Wall request will be featured here in the VCGS Newsletter each month.

This months Brick wall is: Amon Wells, G-G-Grandfather of Tom Wells. Born 1809 Bensalem, Bucks County, PA. His father (according to the 1810 census, Bucks Co., PA) was Amos Wells.

This Amos Wells - no idea who he married, when he was born or who his parents were. If I can find this brickwall it should connect me with the "Big Wells Family" according to my DNA tests.

If you find anything please email Tom at [Tkwells1265@aol.com](mailto:Tkwells1265@aol.com)



**We help ourselves when we help others.**

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**Request** - I am searching Dowd/Donnelly of NY and heard some other people at one of the VCGS meetings say they were familiar with the names and place.....BUT I was not alert enough to jump right in for this opportunity.... John Dowd...Married to Mary McCullough or (Marie M Cullough) - 1866 Son....Philip Dowd b. 2-11-1873.....married Margaret Donnelly b. 1871 (Father Bernard Donnelly c. 1870 NYC....mother Jane Mosher (widow) 2nd marriage from Cold Springs, NY. Thank You Christine Hickey [Christine230@aol.com](mailto:Christine230@aol.com)

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## Daytona Memorial Park Cemetery Survey

We will be starting a headstone inscription survey at Daytona Memorial Park Cemetery on Bellevue Road, here in Daytona in a few weeks. The weather is perfect for this and the Cemetery is a large one and we request some assistance.

Please, if you have time and would like to join Nancy and Bill Morgan and John Woodard to include these Bellevue Cemeteries in the Volusia County Genweb Project webpage <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flvolusi/> with the many other Volusia County Cemeteries that have already been surveyed please contact John Woodard [vcgs@cfl.rr.com](mailto:vcgs@cfl.rr.com) or Bill Morgan [wmorgan@hughes.net](mailto:wmorgan@hughes.net). Thank You in advance for your participation.

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## Genealogical Codicil to “My Last Will and Testament”

A great question came up at this past months meeting of; what do we do to make sure our research is not tossed out upon our demise. The answer is not always so easy as simply “just donate it before you die”.

This is concern for all of us, and a choice we can make before we leave this earth possibly before we are done with the material and ready to give it away. To help you secure that your records and your research that took you so many hours, weeks and years to collect may be preserved as you wish, I have attached the following form in the link <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flvcgs/gencodicil.htm> or a printable Codicil can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Our research is priceless to us and the surviving family members, even if they are not yet aware of this fact.

Someday they will be interested. If you do not already have a relative or archival repository appointed to receive your genealogy research, I urge you to take a look at this Codicil.

Included at end of this NL is a copy of a blank Codicil.

### VCGS Meetings

Volusia County Genealogical Society  
meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month  
Sept – June at 6:00pm in City Island  
Library, Daytona Beach Florida.

**Next Meeting Feb 15 2007**  
**Speaker Dr. William H. Stemper**

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# **The Volusia County Genealogy Society**

announces

**Dr. William H. Stemper, Jnr. (Oxon), F.R.S.A. (London)**

will speak on

**"Florida History and Genealogy - 'Where They Meet' - A Carolingian Perspective"**

**Thursday February 15th 2007 6:00pm**

**at**

**Auditorium City Island Library, Daytona Beach Florida**

The **Carolingian Dynasty** (known variously as the *Carlovingians* or *Karlings*); of or pertaining to the Frankish dynasty that reigned in France a.d. 751–987, first under Charlemagne, and in Germany until a.d. 911.

Dr. Stemper, a multi generational native of the region is a descendant of Emperor Charlemagne. He holds the D.Phil (PhD) degree from the University of Oxford.in Angelo - American Intellectual History. He is a Member of the Oxford University Strategic Studies Group and a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce (Founded 1754) in London. He holds B.A. Degree with Honors in History from Stetson University and a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary, (Columbia University) New York City. Dr. Stemper is the retired Bishop's Vicar for Corporate Affairs of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. He is a specialist in the field of corporate social responsibility and international relations. 2002 Served as Chair of Volusia County Task Force on Historic Archives and Sites, and ECHO related initiative. He is Life Member of various lineage and hereditary orders and societies including Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, Americans of Royal Decent, the New York State Society of Mayflower Descendants, The Descendants of the Founders of New Jersey, the Society of the Descendants of Colonial Clergy, First Families of Ohio, and is United States Vice President of the Society of Descendants of the Knights of the Garter and Friends of Saint Georges Windsor, the Netherlands Society of the United States and the Society of Sons of Saint George (Philadelphia)

Public Welcome. Refreshments will be served after the program.

For more Information Contact  
Audrey Beegle 386-760-8851

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**Genealogical Codicil to My Last Will and Testament**

**Upon my demise**

**To: My spouse, children, guardian, administrator and/or executor:**

Upon my demise it is requested that you **DO NOT** dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, both those prepared personally by me and those records prepared by others which may be in my possession, including but not limited to books, files, notebooks or computer programs for a period of two years. During this time period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of the said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories.

"I suggest that the persons contacted regarding the assumption of the custody of these items include but not be limited to"

Name /Address/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name /Address/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event you do not find anyone to accept these materials, please contact the various genealogical organizations that I have been a member of and determine if they will accept some parts or all of my genealogical materials. [List of organizations, addresses and phone numbers attached, include local chapters, with their addresses, phone numbers and contact persons if available as well as state/national contact information and addresses]

Please remember that my genealogical endeavours consumed a great deal of time, travel, and money. Therefore it is my desire that the products of these endeavours be allowed to continue in a manner that will make them available to others in the future.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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