

Volusia County Genealogical Society

NEWSLETTER

**VCGS
MEETINGS AT
CITY ISLAND
LIBRARY**

**THURSDAY
JANUARY 17,
2008 AT 6PM**

**VOLUSIA
HISTORIAN
BILL
DREGGORS**

**PROGRAM
VOLUSIA
COUNTY
HISTORY**

**NOTE-WE WILL
MEET IN THE
CITY ISLAND
CHILDRENS
AUDITORIUM
DUE TO
ELECTIONS**

**PLEASE PARK
IN FRONT**

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HAPPY 2008 GENEALOGISTS!

January 17, 2008 Speaker



William Joshua "Bill" Dreggors, Jr., is fourth generation Floridian, a lifelong resident of DeLand and a WWII naval veteran. During the 1980's he was instrumental in the successful historic restoration of the Henry A. DeLand House Museum and the construction of the Conrad Research and Educational Building. He served as curator for several years, president for 5 terms and played a major part in growth of the prestigious West Volusia Historical Society and is presently the Executive Director. He established and owns the Ice and Electrical Museum located in the Stone Street Hospital Museum in DeLand located at "Bill Dreggors Park," named in his honor in 1991. He was instrumental in creating the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum and collaborated on and co-authored three books on the history of Volusia County. He was a member of the Volusia County Historical Preservation Board for eight years. He serves as Chairman of the West Volusia Tourist Authority, and is on the DeBary Historical Preservation Board. He served on the Historic Preservation Advisory Council for the State of Florida for four years. He is also on the steering committee of Heritage Rivers, representing the St. Johns River and the river basin, which encompasses a large portion of Florida.

Children's Auditorium at City Island Library, Daytona Beach
Please park in Front.

2008 SOCIETY DUES NOW OVERDUE

\$10.00 per member and \$15.00 for couples.
Please remit January meeting or mail to:

Volusia County Genealogical Society, Inc
Attention Treasurer
PO Box 2039
Daytona Beach, Florida, 32115-2039

2008 SOCIETY OFFICERS

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SOCIETY CALENDAR

Thursday January 17, 2008 5pm Board Meeting 6:00pm Program Mr. William "Bill" Dreggors Noted West Volusia Historian will speak on Volusia County History.

Meeting will be in Children's Auditorium due to Election. Please Park in the Front.

Thursday February 21, 2008 5pm Board Meeting 6:00pm Program Dr. William H. Stemper, Jr. (Oxon), F.R.S.A. (London) will present "Grand Daddy's Lodge"; The Historical and Genealogical Importance of Fraternal Records (a case for county archival repositories)

VCGS Monthly Newsletter Distribution and Website Archives

All paid members of the Volusia County Genealogical Society who provide the NL Editor with Email shall receive the monthly newsletter. Since the Society Dues are LOW price of \$10 singles and \$15 couples, it was decided that postage for the NL was not feasible. The board voted at the Dec 13, 2007 Board meeting that any Member may receive 10 issues per year Society Newsletter delivered by USPS for \$5.00 payable to the Society Treasurer. this Newsletter is also available online at the VCGS website NL Archive page . <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flvcgs/nl.htm>

**NEW BOOKS GENEALOGY ROOM-CITY ISLAND LIBRARY
DONATED BY VOLUSIA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

FAM	929.2 DAV	Davis, Settlers of Salem West Virginia	Susie Davis Nicholson
AL	976.1 Her	Calhoun Co. Alabama, Heritage of	Heritage Books
AL	976.1 Her	Etowah Co. Alabama, Heritage of	Heritage Books
AL	976.1 Her	Shelby Co. Alabama, Heritage of	Heritage Books
FLA	784.2092MUR	Blind Date - LSO meets Daytona Beach	Drew Murphy
Fam	929.2 JEFF	Thomas Jefferson. The Writings of, Volume 1&2	Jefferson
Fam	929.2 JEFF	Thomas Jefferson. The Writings of, Volume 5&6	Jefferson
Fam	929.2 JEFF	Thomas Jefferson. The Writings of, Volume 728	Jefferson
Fam	929.2 JEFF	Thomas Jefferson. The Writings of, Volume 11&12	Jefferson
Fam	929.2 JEFF	Thomas Jefferson. The Writings of, Volume 13&14	Jefferson
Fam	929.2 JEFF	Thomas Jefferson. The Writings of, Volume 15&16	Jefferson
Fam	929.2 JEFF	Thomas Jefferson. The Writings of, Volume 17&18	Jefferson
Fam	929.2 JEFF	Thomas Jefferson. The Writings of, Volume 19&20	Jefferson

WELCOME NEW VCGS MEMBER

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Surnames:

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N.J, VA, NC, IL
Perkins - NE, NY , CT ,
MA

Message from the President

Greetings and Happy New Years,

We ended the 2007 with a great Christmas Social including the entertaining and educational History Game hosted by Ivey Bedell. We look forward to more of these History Game Quiz's in the future. Good Job Ivey!

I urge everyone to review the Society Mission and spread the word. Lets make it a bang up year and everyone invite one friend or relative to join VCGS.

Wishing all our members a Happy New Year!

Best Regards,
John Woodard , President

2009 V-FCGS SEMINAR COMMITTEE REPORT

2009 Seminar Committee

VCGS Members

John Woodard
Barbara Ochs
Carroll Ochs
Annabelle O'Neill
Louise Schutt
Audrey Beegle
Ivey Bedell
Edwin Ubbens
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Leland Marsh
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GSSEVC Liaisons

Seminar Update: 2009 V-FCGS Seminar Committee met Jan 7, 2008.

Seminar will be all day Saturday January 24, 2009. George Morgan and Drew Smith of Aha! Seminars. will present all day following 4 Topics as selected based in all Volusia Flagler Genealogical Societies membership poll of "Favorite 4 Topics" :

1. The Genealogist as CSI George G. Morgan
- 2 Where Is the Book with My Family in It? Drew Smith
- 3 The U.S. Naturalization Process and Documents: 1790 to 1954 George G. Morgan
7. "The Genealogy GuysTM Podcast" Live George G. Morgan and Drew Smith

Location will be Palmetto Club, Beach Street in Daytona Beach.

Registration will begin at 800am with a Continental Breakfast being served until start of Program at 9am. All Day Coffee and Tea will be available, Hot Buffett Lunch, including non meat selections will served at noon . There will be adequate Question periods and Breaks after each Topic with for Vendors browsing and Prize Drawings. Program will conclude by 4 pm

We expect to have registration packages ready by September meetings for hand delivery to each Society of the V-FCGS. Wheel chair Handicap Access for restroom use.

Registration will be \$30 per person from October 1 to November 30, 2008 , \$35. Dec 1-31, 2008 and \$40. after Jan 1 , 2009 up to at the door day of event.

This could be a great 2008 Christmas gift or stocking stuffer so start dropping those hints.

Virginia's Namesake

While attending Daytona Ormond SAR program on George Washington last month with a wonderful tableful of dear and respected genealogical companions all who just happen to be Society Members, the question of the Virginia's Namesake came up. I offer this for those that did not get to share the cherry pie.

Virginia's Namesake

These Englishmen called their dream Virginia after Elizabeth I, their virgin queen. But Virginia was an idea rather than a place. The first man to make the dream a reality was Sir Walter Raleigh. In 1585 this adventurer and favorite of Queen Elizabeth founded a military base on Roanoke Island in Pamlico Sound, between what today is mainland North Carolina and its Outer Banks. In 1587 Raleigh tried to convert Roanoke -- as it became known -- into a self-sustaining colony. But war with the Spanish Armada in 1588 cut off communications with England, and in 1590 a relief expedition found the colony mysteriously abandoned. The "Lost Colony" of Roanoke failed, but the idea of Virginia lived on.

Brick Wall even a Genealogist can swallow - Red Velvet

The December Christmas Social had vast collection of superb dishes and treats. A huge THANK YOU to everyone that came in December and brought good tidings.

Among these wonderful delicacies was the Brick Wall of Velvet baked by Joyce Bailey. Here in her own words are her instructions:

"I made a red velvet cake; from a mix and poured it in two 8" square pans. (This will make 2 walls; freeze one 8" cake for another use).

When completely cooled, cut square into several thin slices; then cut each slice into 4 equal pieces to form the "bricks".

Make a white (butter-cream) decorators cake frosting (or use prepared). *Thank You Joyce*



New Book NAME "Here Shall I Die Ashore" Author: Caleb Johnson

Publisher: Xlibris Corporation, 2007

The above book is a biography of Stephen Hopkins. I have read about 25% of so far and it seems to be extremely well documented. Caleb was instrumental in discovering the true origins of Stephen Hopkins in England and has since done a large amount of research into his life in England and his trip on the "Sea Venture".

This was the ship that was caught in a hurricane and had to be rebuilt in Bermuda on a voyage to Jamestown, Virginia. I think the book is a must for any descendant of Hopkins.

Caleb Johnson is a Mayflower researcher and has a great website concerning Mayflower passengers.

<http://www.mayflowerhistory.com/>

If anyone is interested, the book can be purchased on this website. There is also an in depth description of the book and others he has written. *Submitted by Bob Bailey*

Sags Travel Calendar *TRIPS - Planned For 2008*

Elmer's Genealogy Lib (Jan 24 & 25) <http://elmerslibrary.com>

Salt Lake City (May 8-18)

Salt Lake City (Sept 4-14)

****New England (Boston) (Nov 2-9)**** [NEHGS](#) & [Boston Public Library](#)

For more information contact Annabelle O'Neill (podmates@aol.com)



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FAST FACT: The historical marker for Freemanville is located just north of the entrance to the Port Orange South Daytona Chamber of Commerce at 3431 Ridgewood Avenue. Stop by and see it for yourself.

[Freemanville Day Celebration](#)

The founding of Port Orange and the beginning of the Freemanville Settlement dates to 1867 when Dr. John Milton Hawks, a Union Army surgeon, and his fellow Union Army officers officially established Port Orange after the U.S. Civil War. - <http://www.portorangeimages.com/freemanville%20day%20ceremony.htm>

[Plaque marks Port Orange site of freed slave settlement](#)

The marker, located on the east side of U.S. Highway 1 near the Riverside Pavilion at 3431 Ridgewood Ave, is the city's first state historic marker. -

http://www.myflorida.com/myflorida/governorsoffice/black_history/settlement.html

[Freedmen came to Volusia, but seldom found fortune](#)

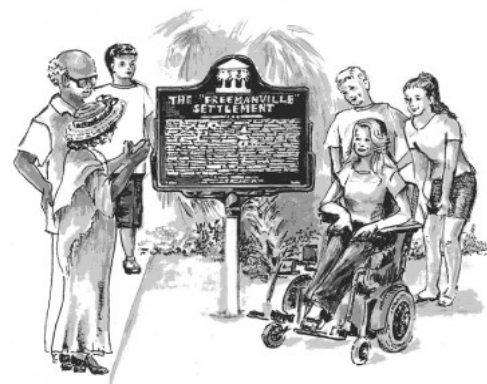
What started as a Promised Land ended as a broken promise. The black freedmen who settled in what is now Port Orange came by the hundreds in 1866 and 1867, right after the Civil War, seeking prosperity in a new era of freedom for blacks. Freedom they had; prosperity was elusive. -

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Founded soon after the U.S. Civil War, the settlement that would become "Freemanville" was established by Dr. John Milton Hawks, an abolitionist and Union Army surgeon, along with other Union Army officers and the Florida Land & Lumber Company. In 1866, roughly 500 former slaves, many of whom had fought for the Union during the war, and their families initially settled here. An additional 1,000 freed slaves would arrive via steamboats in the following months. Of the 3,000 blacks that made Florida their home, roughly half settled near the Halifax River, thus making this area the most populous in Volusia County at that time. In 1867, Dr. Hawks named the settlement Port Orange. Due to harsh farming conditions and poor supplies, the settlement, the Florida Land & Lumber Company, and the integrated school, disbanded in 1869. Many of the settlers returned to their home states or headed for area citrus groves looking for work. However, a few of those original freed slaves stayed. Over time, the settlement became known as "Freemanville." Mt. Moriah Baptist Church is the last remaining structure from the pioneering African-American community in Port Orange known simply as Freemanville.

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Submitted by Annabelle O'Neill



VOLUSIA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

VCGS Meetings

Volusia County Genealogical Society normally meets on 3rd Thursday each month Sept to June at 6:00pm in City Island Library, Daytona Beach.

Next meeting Thursday, January 17, 2008 .
5pm. Board Meeting City Island Board Room

6pm Regular Meeting - West Volusia Historian
Bill Dreggors will Present "Volusia County History" .

Volusia County Genealogical Society

Founded in 1976, VCGS is the oldest Genealogy Society in Volusia County.

Mission: 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 the collection in the Genealogy and History Room

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