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Regular Meeting on April 17, 2008 6pm

Ann Mohr Osisek

will present

“The Paper Trail...Ins and Outs of Courthouse Research”

at

Auditorium City Island Library, Daytona Beach Florida

Biography: A native of West Virginia, Ann has been a Central Florida resident for the past thirty-two years and has served as Managing Instructor for the Genealogy Programs at the Disney Institute in Orlando, FL. She has taught genealogy classes for the Orange County, FL Adult Education Program for the past sixteen years and has been a genealogy instructor at the Seminole County, FL Community College. She has also been a genealogical instructor in the Elderhostel Program in central Florida and teaches genealogy classes at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC. Ann is President of the Florida State Genealogical Society, a Past President of the Central Florida Genealogical Society and their long-standing Education Chair. She is a member of the National Genealogical Society and the Association of Professional Genealogists, serving as Secretary of the FL Chapter of APG. Ann has completed courses at Samford University's Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research in Birmingham, AL and was a 1997 recipient of The Florida State Genealogical Society's Outstanding Achievement Award in recognition of her contributions to the field of genealogical education. She has been published in the FGS Forum and numerous genealogical and historical society journals.

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Links of the Month

The links of the month were not chosen for relationship to Genealogy or research.

However most might find them interesting to say the least.

[America](http://www.sagebrushpatriot.com/america)

www.sagebrushpatriot.com/america.htm, and

[How smart are You?](http://www.flashbynight.com/test/)

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Ride Request

Charter Member Laura Rains Jones lives 1-1/2 miles North of Granada on Beachside and does not drive at night anymore. If anyone can provide Laura a ride to regular meeting April 17 please contact her 386- 441-4632 or Rains27Lowe@aol.com

Thank you.

Welcome New Members

Herb and Joyce Dobrozensk
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Researching Dobrozensky, Hartford CT.
and Central Europe.

and

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Researching Farris, Albright, Armstrong
and Rebek in Wisconsin

SOCIETY CALENDAR

Thursday April 17, 2008 5pm Board Meeting

6:00pm Ann Mohr Osisek will speak on " The
paper trail...ins and outs of courthouse research"

Thursday May 15 2008 5pm Board Meeting

6:00pm Round Table Discussion and History
Quiz subject to change.

Thursday June 19, 2008 5pm Board Meeting

6:00pm Summer Social Party - Bring Food

**CITY ISLAND GEN ROOM
VERTICAL FILES**

Laura Rains Jones has generously donated
several folders for the Gen Room vertical
files she collaborated on with Grace M
Worth of Ormond Beach.

Included are Family files for surnames of
Atkinson, Anthony, DuBose, and Boyce

Also donated was a copy of

**Native American and Cherokee
Genealogy Tutorial,**

that will also be placed in the vertical
files.

Thank You Laura Rains Jones.

**SUGGESTED METHODS FOR READING
DIFFICULT HANDWRITING**

1. Make a clear copy
2. Enlarge the copy if possible.
3. Isolate problem areas.
4. Find other documents, etc. in the same hand.
5. For large documents, number the lines.
6. Establish parts which can be read.
7. Match up illegible parts with legible ones.
8. Take the document word by word.
9. For difficult words – Letter by letter
10. Match with comparable documents
11. Transcribe first exactly as read.
12. Make a separate copy in your own hand.
13. Get a second (and third) opinion.

Things to carry in your research "Tool Chest"
Magnifier glass or sheet, reading specs.

Pastel paper – for microfilm reading

Sags Travel Calendar *TRIPS - Planned For 2008*

[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)

March happenings at our Volusia Flagler Sister Societies

HGS Ormond Beach - Ormond Beach Library , Thursday, April 10 : "Genealogy Forum "

R&B - DeLand Library Sunday, April 20, Elmer and June Spear regarding resources at Elmer's Genealogy Library in Madison, FL.

GSSVC NSB Library. Monday, April 14 at 5 p.m. C. Ann Staley will speak on "Heritage Quest, the Ins and Outs."

GSFC in Palm Coast - Flagler Co Library Thursday, April 24 at 5:30 p.m. Paul L. Enchelmayer will present "Unconventional Genealogy, Research of Privies and Progenitors."

Message from the President - Vertical Files our treasures in waiting.

The generous donations by Laura Rains Jones leads me to remind everyone to be sure to take time and peruse the vertical files in the rear of the Gen and History room at City Island library or at any library for that matter. Vertical files can be found in almost any Genealogy Library and hold the treasures of family researchers notations and documentation that may never have been compiled any where else.

It is time well spent checking the Vertical Surname files when you visit other Libraries. The Surname Vertical Files at City Island were updated last year. I urge you all to donate copies of pages, charts , family sheets , Obituaries, newspaper clippings and any other Family History information on any given Surname. With help of all members the vertical files can become a crown in our research room.

Thank You all for your contributions.

John Woodard

VCGS HISTORY AND OUR MISSION

October 7 1976 a group that just completed a Genealogy course at DBJC, founded what is today the Volusia County Genealogical Society, Inc. The instructor Dr Ellery H. Harvey was elected the first President of the Society. This group recognizing the limited collection of 23 Genealogy related books in the City Island Library, declared the Society's mission to grow this collection. Thirty two years later the Genealogy and Local History Room at City Island has 6,000 plus volumes of books, periodicals and manuscripts on Genealogy and Local and State History.

It is the ongoing primary mission of the Society that continues to grow and support this collection.

The Genealogy and Local History room also has 2 online Genealogy only hi speed computers with Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest. Society volunteers are on hand in the genealogy room most every day of the week.

The Society still has a few charter members. Interesting speakers present Genealogy and History related talks at our monthly meetings, and attendees enjoy a refreshment social after each program.

The Volusia County Genealogical Society has a history it can be proud of in serving beginners as well as the experienced researchers in the Daytona Beach area.

2009 V-F CGS SEMINAR COMMITTEE REPORT

Saturday January 24, 2009. George Morgan and Drew Smith

Look for Registration form in June VCGS and V-FCGS Newsletters Registration packs will available at all V-F September Society meeting.

A.A.A.D.D. A CASE HISTORY

Do you feel like you are getting more forgetful with age?

Don't despair--there's a name for it and you aren't alone. It's called Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder and here is how it manifests: I decide to water my garden. As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing. As I start toward the garage, I notice mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mailbox earlier. I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car. I lay my car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table, and notice that the can is full.

So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first. But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first. I take my check book off the table, and see that there is only one check left. My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of soda I had been drinking.

I'm going to look for my checks but first I need to push the soda aside so I don't accidentally knock it over. The soda is getting warm, and I decide to put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold. As I head for the kitchen with the soda, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye---they need water. I put the soda on the counter and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.

I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers. I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill.

Then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day: The car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there is a warm can of pop sitting on the counter, the flowers don't have enough water, there is still only one check in my check book, I can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses, and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all damn day and I'm really tired. I realize this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get help for it, but first I have to check my e-mail.... (Thanks to Susan for this!)

DONATED GENEALOGY BOOKS TABLE 2009 SEMINAR

2009 Seminar Committee will sponsor a "Genealogy and History Book Table" in the vendors area during the 2009 VFCGS Seminar. We are accepting donations of books of genealogical interest relating to history, genealogy or geography that would aid in genealogical research, including collectable Genealogical periodicals. These books will be sold during the seminar with proceeds going to the 2009 Seminar and shared with the VFCGS Societies. The donor can take a tax deduction for the donation. The book buyer gets a chance to add a book to their private collection for use. These types of books might not be available otherwise. On another note, one could also purchase the book and then donate it to a Library when they are done with it. Any unsold books will be donated to the County Library of the donors residence or choosing. To make a donation or for more information please contact please contact the Volusia Flagler Council of Genealogical Societies Newsletter VFCGSNewsletter@cfl.rr.com

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