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Report on VCGS May Meeting

The members and guests attending the May meeting were enlightened with an interesting and entertaining presentation by [Dr. Lou McNally](#) of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, whose topic was "Digging Weather Out of Old Diaries." Dr. McNally was an operational meteorologist who had worked on TV for 30 years when he decided to return to school for his doctorate. This topic was the subject of his thesis. The problem he encountered was that weather information only went back to World War I when aircraft was first used which necessitated keeping this information. Dr. McNally wound up recreating weather for individual days back in 1785 by using diaries of individuals. Some of the individuals included Washington and Jefferson.

Previous work had been done by David Ludlum who took one single day, Douglas et al who researched the Spanish Armada and the storms of 1588, [John A. Kington](#) for 1780-1785 who had a large database, and Hudson's Bay Company Journals. Dr. McNally and his team had to select the methodology, Locus, frequency and acquire data from observational journals, diaries, newspapers, ships logs, travelers' journals and ships' protests (insurance documents). He had to select the output and then did a narrative summary.

Dr. McNally noted interesting historical changes because of the weather, i.e. where Attila the Hun lived the steppe could no longer produce food thus causing him to leave that area. He requested that when individuals are doing research and find historical data even though it isn't relevant to them they should record it on the side for future historians. In response to question from the audience, he said he had to dig for diaries. To make sure they are available for posterity he indicated they should be digitized or kept in a climate controlled environment at a central location.

Report extracted from Minutes of the Society

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Thursday June 19 6:00pm Annual Summer Social.

Everyone please bring a treat to share. Doesn't have to be a dessert and can be sugar free. Please bring a friend.

Ivey will have another Puzzle. (see answer to last months Puzzle pg 2.)

Remember there will not be any meetings or VCGS Newsletter in July or Aug. Meetings and NL will resume in September. We now have 62 members in VCGS (see 2008 Roster pg 5.)

Have a great summer, if you travel -be safe and may you all get over those brick walls and find your family treasures.

John Woodard

Welcome New Member

Jewel M Hilton
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386-788-5518

No email at present
Names and Areas of Research
Hilton KY and VA.
Charles
Fuller

Answer to Last Months Puzzle**DONUT JINGLE**

I went to Chicago and I walked around the
block,

And I walked right into a bakery shop.

I asked for a donut just as nice as you please,
And I gave the man a five-cent piece.

He looked at the money, and he looked at me,
And he said, "This money's no good to me!
There's a hole in the middle and it goes right
through."

And I said "There's a hole in the doughnut,
too!"

SOCIETY CALENDAR

Thursday, June 19, 2008 5pm Board Meeting
6pm Summer social Party - Please bring food

No Meeting in July—Aug

Thursday Sept. 18, 2008 5pm Board Meeting
6pm Regular meeting Program TBA

Hurricane Season June - November

Its that time of year again to check your Hurricane supplies and have a plan in case a storm hits us.

Make sure you have extra water, food, batteries and your insurance papers, deed, titles etc in a protected waterproof secure holder..

In addition make sure you have backed up your computer and more specifically BACK UP your Genealogy FTM or Gedcom files and what ever other data files you have in the way picture images, census records, deeds, death records and obituaries.

USB External Hard drives are now conveniently affordable and have plenty of disk space or you can make a back up to CD or DVD disks. It is a good idea to send a copy of your back up to a relative or friend living in another geographic area that will not be likely to experience the same storm. Contact me if you need any questions answered about this. I am happy to assist.

John Woodard vcgs@cfl.rr.com

Old Time Occupations - Look future NL's for more Old Occupation Definitions

Accomptant Accountant
Almoner Giver of charity to the needy
Amanuensis Secretary or stenographer
Artificer A soldier mechanic who does repairs

Bailie Bailiff
Boniface Keeper of an inn
Brazier One who works with brass
Brewster Beer manufacturer
Brightsmith Metal Worker

Volusia—Flagler Sister Societies

HGS Ormond Beach Library, Next Meeting, Sept. 11, Speaker Bill Ryan

R&B DeLand Library Sunday, June 22, Problems & Solutions – Members discussion .

GSSVC NSB Library. Monday, June 9, “Potpourri of Genealogy” workshop

GSFC Flagler - Thursday, June 26, Round Table Discussion

Humor into death

A lady with a great sense of humor and always used to say that when she died she wanted a parking meter on her grave that said 'Expired'. So her nephew got her one on eBay!

She said that her grave is right by the road so everyone can see it and many people have stopped to get a chuckle.



*Give us a sense of humor.
Give us the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life,
And pass it on to other folk.*

*The irony of life is that by the time
you're old enough to know your way
around, you're not going anywhere!*



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V-FCGS 2009 Registration Now open through Dec 31, 2008 .

V-FCGS 2009 Seminar Registration is on next page, print it fill it out and mail it with a check for \$30.00 per person through Nov 30, 2008. Late registrations received Dec 1 thru Dec 31 2008 will be \$35 per person.

Form also online at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flvcgs/2009VFCGSSeminar.htm>

Registration forms will also be available at Society regular meeting in September, and will be placed in Genealogy and History Rooms in the Library.

The 2009 Seminar Committee is now receiving donation Genealogy related Books and Magazines for the "Donated Book Table" in the Vendors Area at the Seminar. Please donate any Books, Magazines, DATA and Family Tree programs that are of a "Genealogical and Historical" nature. The donations of these books are tax deductible, the proceeds will support the seminar and any unsold books will be donated to the County Library of the donor. This is a great way to clean out those unneeded and now unused genealogy books giving someone that needs them a chance to use them and pass them forward as library donations or resell at future seminar table. Genealogical and History related materials only please. Example: A Revolutionary War Cookbook is fine, but not a general cookbook of recipes.

V-F Council of Genealogical Societies Newsletter—Online

Starting this month the current edition of the V-FCGS Newsletter will be posted online at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flvcgs/> This monthly newsletter reports the happening and monthly events of all the Societies in the Volusia Flagler area , including many lineage groups such as DAR and SAR.

Book Committee to Meet

The VCGS Book Committee will meet City Island Library Gen Room on July 16 at 11am to make selections for next book acquisition by VCGS for the Genealogy and History Room Collection. All VCGS member is welcome to attend.

Volusia County Genealogical Society founded in 1976, 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 at City Island Library .

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2008 Roster of the Society

Bob and Joyce Bailey

Ivey Bedell

Bob and Audrey Beegle

Henry Boyd

John Chew

Kathryne Consalvo,

Thomas and Edith Delachine

Helen R. Disch,

Herb and Joyce Dobrozensky

David Farris

Allinda Free

Miles Gardner

Harold Gauper

Delbert and Allie Goodwin

Margaret Haretos

Jeanine Hausaman

Jewel M. Hilton

James R. Hollingsworth

Laura Raines Jones

Doug Little

Jack and Barbara Mailiff

Ed and Ann Malo

Leland and Dherlys Marsh

Catherine Most

James and Carol Nichols

Carroll and Barbara Ochs

Annabelle O'Neill

Maryalice Pallaria

Jim Pardee

Ruth Patrignani

Tom and Patricia Peake

P. Louis and Loloa Rohe

David Rowe

Elaine Rummel

Steve and Louise Rumnock

Vincent Santana

Louise Schutt

Carol Smith

Anne Stifel

Edwin and Alma Ubbens

John and Nancy Woodard

Lucille Rayhill

Laurence Ollie Hull

Tom and Kathryn Wells

Sharon Yates

Honorary Member

Celia Jones Librarian City Island

VOLUSIA—FLAGLER COUNCIL OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES 2009 GENEALOGY SEMINAR

HOSTED BY

The Volusia County Genealogy Society

Aha! Seminars, Inc. Speakers George G. Morgan and Drew Smith

George G. Morgan is an internationally recognized genealogist and author of five books, several online columns, and hundreds of articles for genealogical publications. He is president of Aha! Seminars, Inc., which conducts seminars for libraries and for genealogists. He is past president of ISFHWE, a director of the Florida Genealogical Society, and co-host of "The Genealogy Guys™ Podcast."

Drew Smith, MLS, is a librarian at the University of South Florida in Tampa. He is co-host of "The Genealogy Guys™ Podcast," and regularly contributes to *Digital Genealogist* and the NGS *News Magazine*. He is a Director for the Federation of Genealogical Societies, and President of the Florida Genealogical Society in Tampa. He is a frequent speaker at local, state, and national conferences.

Topics

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

Date : Saturday January 24, 2009 8:00am to 4:00pm. Doors Open 7:00am

Location Palmetto Club 1000 South Beach Street Daytona Beach FL 32114

Directions: Go East US-92, cross US-1, turn south on Beach Street 1.4 miles

Cost: \$30.00 pp paid by November 30, 2008 and \$35.00 paid by Dec. 31, 2008

Registration Starts 7:00am with continental breakfast.

Program starts 8:00am. Hot Buffet Lunch Stuffed Chicken, Beef Tips w/Mushrooms, Stuffed Shells Marinara (Vegetarian), Vegetable, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Rolls w/Butter and Cake for dessert. Coffee, tea and iced tea available all day.

Lots of great Prize Drawings - Genealogy Book Vendors - Handicapped Restroom Available

Registration Form

\$30.00 pp Registrations
received by Nov 30, 2008

Names/s _____

\$35.00 pp December Registration
Must be received by Dec 31, 2008

Address: _____

Mail form with Check to:
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Phone: _____ Society _____

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