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## September Falls

We shake off the dog days of summer and get back to genealogy society activities. Our September 18, meeting [Ann Bergelt](#) will continue our alternating Genealogy and Historic talks on "What's Available Online". See full fall calendar on page 2 this NL.

Spread the word VCGS will host free Beginning Genealogy Classes starting September 22, see below.

The NL thanks everyone that sent great contributions of tidbits and interesting items of interest. Check out our new monthly column of Volusia historical sketches "Volusia Vines" page 6. A great example manifesting that history and genealogy are connected.

The 2009 V-FCGS Seminar is taking registrations. See page 7. VCGS is the HOST this year and we have lots of great prizes including the renowned scheduled speakers George Morgan and Drew Smith.

The June social was a success with lots of great food. The judges had a tie between the St Johns River Specked Perch and the Southern Potato Salad. Great job everyone. Good time was had by all including VCGS member Henry Baggy Boyd treating us with his Bagpipe music. Hear and see Henry again on You -Tube just click on following link ; <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4DPw9jNzZQ>



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## FREE classes in "Beginning Genealogy"

Members of the VCGS and Sugar Mill DAR will conduct FREE Beginning Genealogy Classes at City Island Library Board Room at 9:30 – 11:00am Monday, September 22, 29 and October 6, 13.

Learn how to trace your family tree for fun or to prepare papers to join a patriotic or lineage society. You will learn about primary sources and the various secondary sources available to you at the library and on the internet. If interested, please call Carol Smith at 756-3634 to register.

**Welcome New Member**

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Port Orange, Fl. 32128

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<u>Surnames</u>	<u>Areas of Research</u>
Brumfield	VA, NC, SC, LA, MS
Chappell	CT, N.S CAN.,
Dill	DE, NC, SC, TN
Lewis	VA, NC
Sherrill	NC, TN
Swann	MD , NC VA
Varnado	SC, LA, MS

**SOCIETY CALENDAR**

**Thursday Sept. 18, 2008** 5pm Board meeting  
6pm Regular meeting [Ann Bergelt](#)  
Program "What's Available Online"

**Thursday Oct 16, 2008** 5pm Board meeting  
6pm Regular meeting [Marian Tomblin](#)  
Program Local Historical Buildings

**Thursday Nov, 20, 2008** 5pm Board meeting  
6pm Regular meeting 2009 Officer Elections  
[Elmer Spears](#) will discuss his Library in Madison, FL.

**Thursday Dec. 18, 2008** 5pm Board meeting  
6pm Regular meeting Annual Christmas Social and

**NEWS YOU CAN USE**

**FamilySearch Labs** Pilot site provides future tools to dig up the past, showcases new family history technologies that aren't ready for prime time. Your feedback will help us refine new ideas and bring them to market sooner. Have fun playing with these innovations and send your feedback directly to our development teams.

<http://familysearchlabs.org/> Submitted by Tom Peake

The **1940 census** will not be released until April 2, 2012. The number of years for release has been changed from 70 to 72. Indexes will not be available right away until some of the commercial companies (Ancestry and the like) get the indexes put together. If you don't know where your ancestor lives it will be difficult to find them until the indexes are complete. Before the census is released it might be advantageous to get as much info on your ancestors as possible put together in order to expeditiously find the family member.

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

Caulker Sealer of cracks (in ships or windows)  
Chaisemaker Carriage maker  
Chandler Dealer or trader; candle maker ; grocer.  
Chiffonnier Wig maker  
Clark Clerk  
Clerk Clergyman, cleric  
Cohen Priest

Collier Coal miner  
Colporteur Peddler of books  
Cooper Makes or repairs casks and barrels.  
Cordwainer Shoemaker, originally any leather worker.  
Costermonger Peddler of fruits and vegetables  
Crownor Coroner  
Currier One who dresses the coat of a horse with a curry

## Volusia-Flagler Sister Societies

**HGS** Ormond Beach Library, Thursday Sept. 11, Speaker Bill Ryan "Florida's Old King's Road"

**R&B** DeLand Library Sunday, September 21, Shirley Mullins "Reading Old Handwriting"

**GSSVC** NSB Library. Monday, September 8, , Kathy and Clyde Stickney -"Origins of Surnames."

**GSFC** Flagler - Thursday, September 25, Janice Hoskins "The French Huguenots and Carolina Gold."

**Volusia County Fair November 2008** will again have Genealogy Dept 121, deadline is Oct 10, 2008 For more information contact Superintendant Donna Hicks 386-734-6060

**FSGS 2008 Genealogy Conference** 14-15 November 2008 - Sheraton Orlando Maitland FL

Featuring Ms. Jana Sloan Broglin, CGSM, of Swanton, Ohio . More information <http://www.flsgs.org/>

## New Books in Genealogy Room City Island Library

This year VCGS purchased and donated 4 Florida County Heritage Books for the Local History and Genealogy Room at City Island Library. City Island Librarian's Brooke White and Celia Jones liked these new additions so much they ordered 7 additional Florida County Heritage books and are included in the listing below and have been indexed and placed in the Florida History section in the Gen Room, at City Island Library. This allows the VCGS to purchase books of other States and counties increasing the book collection all the greater.



**Thank You to Brooke White, Celia Jones and Volusia County** for the generous contribution to the Books Collection in this room.

Ga	975.8 col	Colonial Georgia	Ken Colman
FAM	292.2War	Early Ward Families of Southern Maryland Vol 1,2,3,4 &5	Ralph D Smith
FAM	929.2 Hall	Hall, The Family	
FL	975.905Cra	Floridas Big Deal AIW Jax- Miami 1881- 1935	William Crawford Jr.
FL	975.918MAT	Marriage Records 1872- 1880 St Johns County	
FL	975.963HER	Washington Co Florida Heritage Book	Heritage Pub
FL	975.965HER	Holmes Co Florida Heritage Book	Heritage Pub
FL	975.982HER	Okaloosa Co Florida Heritage Book	Heritage Pub
FL	975.985HER	Santa Rosa Co Florida Heritage Book	Heritage Pub
FL	975.993HER	Jackson Co Florida Heritage Book	Heritage Pub
FL	975.997HER	Walton Co Florida Heritage Book	Heritage Pub
FL	975.999HER	Escambia Co Florida Heritage Book V-2	Heritage Pub
TX	976.45FAM	FTM CD 514 Early Texas Settlers 1700-1800	

**Volusia County Genealogical Society** - Founded 1976, 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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### **Dear Ancestor**

Your tombstone stands among the rest,  
Neglected and alone.  
The name and date are chiseled out  
on polished marble stone.

It reaches out to all who care,  
it is too late to mourn.  
You did not know that I exist.  
You died and I was born.

Yet each of us are cells of you,  
in flesh, in blood, in bone.  
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse,  
Entirely not our own.

Dear Ancestor,  
The place you filled one hundred years ago,  
spreads out among the ones you left,  
Who would have loved you so.

I wonder if you knew  
that someday I would find this spot,  
and come to visit you.

Author unknown .

*Submitted by Joyce Bailey*

**The Perry Historians.** a genealogical society in Pennsylvania are seeking help. Here is the link to the website about the grassroots effort to get older Pennsylvania state death certificates available online like they have started to do in other states: <http://users.rcn.com/timarg/PaHR-Access.htm> . I hope you will join in on this effort and if you would pass this information onto anyone you know who is into Pennsylvania genealogy and history including out of state residents. I'm sure you can appreciate just how helpful such a database would be in doing research.

*Submitted by Lou Rohe*

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### **The American Colonist's Library**

a Primary Source Documents Pertaining to Early American History An invaluable collection of historical works which contributed to the formation of American politics, culture, and ideals

<http://home.wi.rr.com/rickgardiner/primarysources.htm>

*Submitted by Joyce Bailey*

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## **Black Sheep – Just a matter of Taste and Bad Reputation**

While enjoying her first rack of lamb, our 5 yr old Granddaughter asked “Do you think this lamb came from a white sheep or a black sheep? I have not found the answer to that question ..... But can tell you why Black Sheep get such a bad rap. It is because their wool is harder to dye than that of a white sheep.

**Search for your BLACKSHEEP ANCESTORS** in Free Genealogical Prison and Convict Records, Historical Court Records, Executions, Insane Asylum Records and Biographies of Famous Outlaws, Criminals & Pirates in the United States, United Kingdom and Canada <http://blacksheepancestors.com/>

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**By USPS Mail** - Editor VCGS NL , PO Box 2039, Daytona Beach . FL 32115 -2039. Materials will be returned if you enclose a stamped self addressed envelope.

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## **V-FCGS 2009 Registration NOW open through Dec 31, 2008 .**

V-FCGS 2009 Seminar Registration is on last 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 is 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.

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## **V-F Council of Genealogical Societies Newsletter— Now Online**

The current monthly edition of the V - FCGS Newsletter is now posted online at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flvfcgs/> This monthly newsletter reports the happening and events of Genealogical Societies in the Volusia Flagler area, and includes DAR and SAR.

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**Genealogy:** A little girl asked her mother, 'How did the human race appear?' The mother answered, 'God made Adam and Eve and they had children and then all mankind was made.' Two days later the girl asked her father the same question. The father answered, 'Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved.' The confused girl returned to her mother and said, 'Mom, how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God, and Dad said they developed from monkeys?' The mother answered, 'Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his.'



*submitted by Annabelle O'Neill*

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## **Computer Email Tip**

Email content from Friends, Family and even Strangers can be helpful or it also can be erroneous and miss informing. I find the two following links to be valuable in checking out accuracy of email content no matter who sends it. You do not need to subscribe to use the websites. Just look for keywords or subject matter when on the site.

We all get emails that pull at our emotions and intellect, creating an urge to share the news, but often by checking the accuracy of an email story at one of these sites before forwarding will prevent us from spreading false information and reduce the traffic on the internet.

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

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

# Volusia Vines

By: Ruth Patrignani

*There have been many “famous”, “infamous”, “not so infamous”, and “not so famous”, people that have resided in Volusia County over the years. Having not planted roots these people may be called “vines of Volusia”.*

William Frederick McCoy was born in Syracuse, New York in 1877. By 1900, Bill was an American sea captain and living in Holly Hill. With his brother, Ben, the two McCoy's operated a motor boat service between Jacksonville and Holly Hill. They were skilled yacht builders working on the banks of the Halifax River. Among their clientele was Andrew Carnegie. As new highways were being constructed the two brothers fell upon hard times and by 1920 made the decision to go into rum-running.

Bill and Ben sold their assets and then proceeded to Gloucester, MA where they bought a schooner named *Henry L Marshall*. This venture proved fruitful and after a few smuggling trips they bought the schooner *Arethusa*. Bill placed the ship under British registry in order to avoid being subjected to the US laws. At the time he changed the name of the schooner to *Tomoka*, after the local river.

Continuing to be successful, five more vessels were added to haul rye, Irish and Canadian whiskey as well as other fine liquors and wines during Prohibition. In smuggling the liquor, McCoy would travel from Nassau and Bimini to the East Coast of the US. When the Coast Guard discovered this “business”, McCoy set up a system where he would anchor the large ships in international waters and then sell the liquor to smaller ships that would transfer it to the shore.

Bill McCoy was six feet two, good looking, courteous, generous, soft spoken and with a charming and ever ready sense of humor. His legend grew as he maintained quality liquor, not watering it down like so many others did. His fair dealings perpetuated the term “it’s the real McCoy” which is still used today when people want to make sure they have the original.

On November 23, 1923, the US Coast Guard boarded the Tomoka after its drunken captain went ashore and left the ship in incompetent hands. Bill claimed he was beyond the 3 mile limit and tried to run for freedom but the Coast Guard Cutter Seneca fired and hit the Tomoka just off the hull. Bill surrendered. He pleaded guilty and spent nine months in a NJ jail then returned to Florida investing his money in real estate.

Bill McCoy claimed he landed more than 170,000 cases of liquor during his rum-running days and that’s “the real McCoy”. He died aboard his boat the Blue Lagoon at Stuart, Florida on December 30, 1948 at the age of 71.

## Sources:

*Halifax Historical Museum website*  
*Wikipedia.org*

## Also reads:

*Rum War: The US Coast Guard & Prohibition* by Donald Canney  
*The Real McCoy* by Frederic Van de Water  
*The Actual McCoy* by Stephen Jones

***Volusia Vines* is a monthly Historical Sketch by Ruth Patrignani a VCGS member and regular volunteer at City Island Library Local History and Genealogy Room.**



# 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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PO Box 2039  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Society \_\_\_\_\_

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