

# Volusia County Genealogical Society

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## EXTRA - EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT !

### 2009 Seminar Early PRIZE Drawing value of \$600

**2009 Seminar Committee** has received an unexpected surprise of a wonderful donated Prize gift in the form of **2 - Season Pass Tickets to the 2008—2009 Daytona Symphony Society Season.** Events will take place between Nov 1, 2008 to April 5, 2009 Including an event on the evening of the 2009 Seminar January 24, 2009.

So as to allow the recipient of this great prize to have full use of this prize the 2009 Seminar Committee has agreed to have an early drawing for this one prize only. Details of when and how this drawing will take place to be decided at the next meeting of the committee 11am Oct 6, 2008 at City Island Library. Likely the drawing is expected to be in later part of October, allowing as many registrations to be received as possible before the Nov 1, start of the Daytona Symphony season.

We wish for everyone to know this was not expected nor planned. We have received other gifts of over \$100 value for prizes including a World Annual Subscription to Ancestry.com to be awarded during the Seminar.

We have done everything we considered possible to spread the word of this early drawing to allow everyone a fair chance to qualify. To not allow the not use the first half of this particular prize would be wasteful.

So get your registrations in to be eligible for this early prize drawing.

Registration form is on last page this NL. Good Luck !

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**Fly the American Flag Oct 13 National holiday  
for Columbus Day and Oct 27 Navy Day**

### 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, 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 Members

### **James I Gray**

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Port Orange FL 32129

386-761-6195

Jim is a serious researcher of Gray, Lindsey, Coates and Hurdle surnames in Wash. DC and MD.

### **Nancy Partridge**

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Ormond Beach FL 32174

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Nancy is Trustee of Pilgrims Rest Cemetery in Ormond, although relatively new to genealogy is a multigenerational Volusia County resident.

Surnames of Bennett, Winn, Hull and Cole of Volusia Florida

### **Cora May Hartzell**

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Cora is researching Sands, White Queen Surnames in WV, PA VA and OH.

## **SOCIETY CALENDAR**

**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  
Installment of 2009 Society Officers

### **2009 VCGS Honorary Members**

On September 18, 2008 the VCGS Board voted  
Volusia County, City Island Librarians

Brook White and Celia Jones

Honorary Membership through 2009.

The Volusia County Genealogical Society  
appreciates all you do for the Society  
and Genealogy in Volusia County.

## **Volunteering is Fun and Rewarding**

**See Celia Jones at City Island Library  
if you can give a few hours a week to man  
the History and Genealogy Room.**

*No prior experience required.*

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

Docker Stevedore, dock worker handles cargo  
Dowser One who finds water using a rod or witching stick  
Draper A dealer in dry goods  
Drayman One who drives a long strong cart w/heavy loads  
Dresser A surgeon's assistant in a hospital  
Drover One who drives cattle, sheep, etc. to market  
Duffer Peddler

Factor Agent, commission merchant; transacts for another  
Farrier A blacksmith, one who shoes horses  
Faulkner Falconer  
Fell monger One who removes hair or wool from hides  
Fletcher One who made bows and arrows  
Fuller One who fulls cloth; one who cleans and finishes cloth

## Volusia-Flagler Sister Societies

**HGS** Ormond Library, Thurs, Oct 9, Pam Cooper- "Under Used, Unheard of and Not So New Resources "

**R&B** DeLand Library Sun, Oct 19, A.G. Conlon - "Researching Military Records."

**GSSVC** NSB Library. Mon, Oct 13, Dr. Robert K. Wright, Jr - "Genealogical Research on the Civil War."

**GSFC** Flagler - Thursday, Oct 23, Larry Gross - "Basic Computer Tips"

**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



Top Right - VCGS Vice President and Book Committee Chair Ivey Bedell presents a Society donation : Reprint of Pauline Gundred " *Early Alabama Newspapers 1819-1893* " to City Island Librarian Celia Jones.

Lower Right - Member Robert Beegle presents Ivey Bedell a donated copy of his own newly published *Beegle Family History* Book to be placed in the Local History and Genealogy Room at City Island.

Lower Left - Most appropriate treat for the September Meeting Social " *Needle In Haystack* " made by Joyce Bailey



**2009 Society Officer Elections** As per the VCGS By- Laws VCGS 2009 Election Committee has been formed . Joyce and Bob Bailey and Allie Godwin have agreed serve. Members in Good standing wishing to hold office or nominate another member also in good standing to hold Office should contact one of these committee members. Then the nominations for candidates will be presented to the regular Society meeting October 16, 2008. Elections will take place at Regular meeting November 20, and installation of 2009 Officers will take place at Regular Meeting December 18, Christmas Social.

# 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. Some have stayed only a short time while others settled in and remained rooted to the area. Combined they have provided the region with a rich heritage, thus we have Volusia Vines.*

## MATHIAS DAY

Daytona was the first city to be established along the coast of Volusia County. One Samuel Williams was given a Spanish Crown royal grant in 1790. It was on this 3,000 acres that Samuel dug canals, built a manor house, and started a sugar and orange plantation using slave labor. The second Seminole War was waged and all the plantations south of Palatka on the coast were decimated by early 1836.

The son of Samuel Williams, Samuel Hill Williams made his way to St. Augustine for safety where his land (in Daytona) was later sold in 1861 at a sheriff's auction to satisfy a judgement against him. Title was assumed by Christina Relf (believed to have been his daughter) and her husband.

In April 1870, Dr. J. M. Hawks, founder of Hawks Park which is now Edgewater, met Mathias Day of Mansfield, Ohio in a Jacksonville hotel. Hawks persuaded Day and a couple of associates to sail down the coast to visit the Halifax area. Day commented during the voyage

that there must be “10 million fleas to the square yard”. After several tours around the area, Day purchased the tract for \$1,200 with a mortgage of \$8,000 to be held by Christina Relf for 2,114 ½ acres.

Day platted out the area with large lots along Ridgewood Avenue. Day returned to Mansfield to assemble people to start a colony in Florida. A cousin (or nephew), Calvin Day set up a saw mill on Beach Street and construction started on a roomy hotel. Mathias Day ran the hotel under the name Colony House. Later this hotel would be known as the Palmetto House due to the palmetto fronds used for the roof when a schooner carrying the designated shingles was late in arriving from Jacksonville. Loomis Avenue was named after Mathias' son, Loomis. Several women got together to decide on what to call the town. They settled on Daytona instead of Daytown or Daytonia.

Mathias Day sold the lots for as little as \$25.00 to \$34.00 and in so doing his dream became a failure. By 1872, Day was unable to make the mortgage payments and he returned to Ohio. A court petition returned the land to Christina Relf.

This tract of land was then sold to P. W. Burr and Charles E. Jackson. In March of 1874, the Colony House was sold to Mrs. Mary Hoag. Mrs. Hoag's brother, Rev. Dr. Lorenzo Dow Huston became the first mayor of the community and the grandfather of the first white child born in Daytona, Maria Davidson Pope.

Mathias Day was married to Mary Blymyer. They lived in Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio where they raised a family of 6 children: Loomis, Mathias W, Ralph, Willis, Mary Frances, and Charles. Mrs. Day died in 1894 and Mathias in 1904.

### *Sources:*

**Images of America: Daytona Beach and the Halifax River Area;** Cheryl Atwell and Vincent Clarida, Arcadia Publishing, 2 Cumberland St., Charleston, SC 29401; 1998

**Volusia County Past and Present;** T. E. Fitzgerald, The Observer Press, 1937

**Celebration of Old Daytona Nov 17, 18, 19, 1995;** presented by the Old Daytona Civic Association

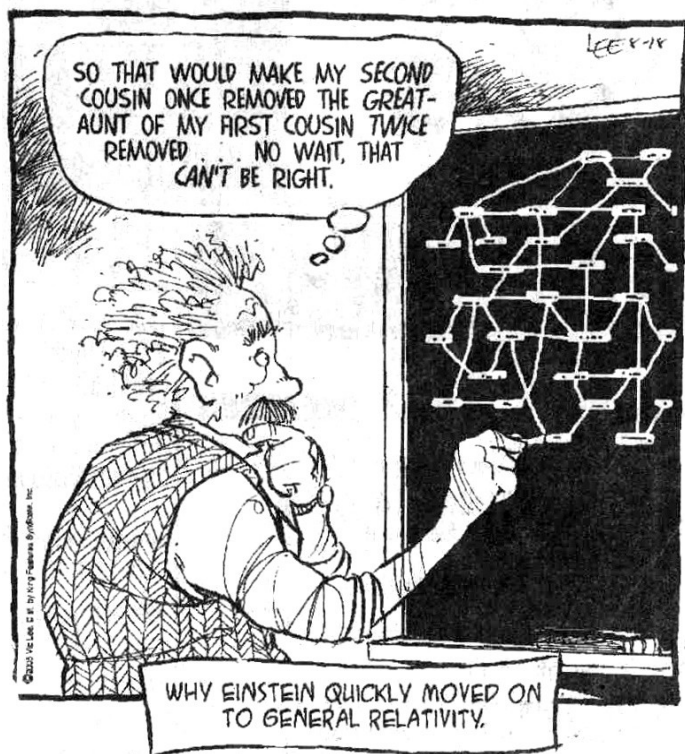
*Volusia Vines is a monthly Historical Sketch by Ruth Patrignani a VCGS member and regular volunteer at City Island Library Local History and Genealogy Room.*

**Volusia 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.

## PARDON MY PLANET

by Vic Lee



## WHY WOMEN SHOULD VOTE.

This is the story of our Grandmothers and Great-grandmothers; they lived only 90 years ago. Remember, it was not until 1920 that women were granted the right to go to the polls and vote. [American Memory LOC](http://www.americanmemoryloc.org/)



**Do you research Broome Co. or Delaware Co. N. Y.?** I have undertaken as a volunteer to assist a blinding elderly woman do her Family story as a gift of a book for her children we will print before May 2009. To be honest it is a huge project to undertake in a short period of time. Her Families are Foster, Stilwell, Seward, Hill, Owens, Dean, Dibble and Gates of Broome and Delaware Co. and some from Greene Co. NY through the 19th century. She has over 100 photos for these families and these Counties dating from 1860– 1920 that she has given permission to share with others that shares these families. If you have these families or are researching these areas, please contact me if you either have something relating to this or think you want to share something we have. Many of these families are well documented in books but a few, I believe have never been researched as the only footprints I have are her own Photos, family records, census and old Newspaper articles with no mentions on Family Search or Ancestry.com trees.  
Thank You in advance, John Woodard [vcgs@cfl.rr.com](mailto:vcgs@cfl.rr.com)

Inspirationally, this video Link ([click here](#)) was emailed to me as I wrote this request. The video is worthy of a few minutes to view whether you have these families or not. Can anyone share this area.

# 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:  
VCGS - 2009 Seminar  
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