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December is the Last Month to register for the 2009 Volusia Flagler Council of Genealogical Society Seminar, Hosted in 2009 by the Volusia County Genealogical Society of Daytona Beach at the Palmetto Club on **Saturday January 24, 2009**. More on last page this newsletter. Lots of prizes- \$290 gift cards, World Deluxe Annual Ancestry.com subscription.

Christmas Social December Meeting

Please bring a treat and a friend.

The ovens are not yet cool from Thanksgiving Turkey and Pumpkin Pie. The air is already filled with new Holiday aromas of goodies being baked and Southern Tater Salad being mixed for the VCGS Christmas Social December 18, 2008 City Island Library. Rumor has it bagpipe music too.

2009 Society Officers

As per VCGS By-laws an election of officers for 2009 should have occurred at the Nov 20, 2008 meeting. This did not happen as no slate was presented for election. There were many members willing to serve on the Board in 2009. At the Dec 18 meeting we will have an Election followed by the Installation of Officers before the Christmas Social .

Wanted: President for 2009 – 2011

\$\$\$\$ 2009 VCGS ANNUAL DUES \$\$\$

Still only \$10 a year \$15 for couples.

Due Jan 1, 2009 Pay Treasurer Tom Peake
at a Regular meeting or mail to:

VCGS - Dues
PO Box 2039
Daytona Bch, FL 32115

Add \$5.00 if you want the 2009 printed mailed VCGS NL .

VCGS SOCIETY CALENDAR

Thursday Jan. 15, 2009 5pm Board meeting
6pm Regular meeting Speaker Miles Gardner
"What I learned when researching, writing and publishing a book".

Saturday Jan. 24, 2009 V-FCGS Seminar
Palmetto Club Daytona Buffet Lunch
Speakers - George Morgan and Drew Smith
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Thursday Feb 19, 2009 5pm Board meeting
6pm Regular meeting Speaker TBA

Thursday Mar 19, 2009 5pm Board meeting
6pm Regular meeting Ann Staley "Genealogical Research and the Internet"

Thursday April 16, 2009 5pm Board meeting
6pm Regular meeting Elmer Spears - Speaks on his Spears Library in Madison Florida. Reschedule of November Program.

Thursday May 21, 2009 5pm Board meeting
6pm Regular meeting Speaker TBA

Thursday Jun 15, 2009 5pm Board meeting
6pm Regular meeting Summer Social -
Everyone Brings a treat.

NO MEETINGS JULY OR AUGUST

Volusia -Flagler Sister Societies

HGS Ormond Library, Thurs. Dec 11, 1:30 Installation of Officers. Holiday Social.

R&B DeLand Library Sun. Dec 21 2pm Christmas Social.

GSSVC NSB Library. Mon. Dec 8, 5pm Christmas Party and Round Robin Discussion

GSFC Flagler - Thurs, Dec 18. 5:30pm Christmas Party

GEN Books Wanted and Needed

Donated Genealogy books **NOW** being received by Ivey Bedell to be sold at Book Table at the V-FCGS 2009 Seminar Saturday, January 24, 2009. Unsold books will be donated to Library of donors designation. VCGS is Host of this event.

Can you spare just One Book?

LIFE ARCHIVE (20%) now on Google images

Some (around 20% so far) of the LIFE archive including largish images by the likes of Alfred Eisenstaedt, Dorothea Lange etc. are now available via Google Images. The best way I've found of accessing the LIFE images exclusively within Google Images is by clicking on one of the thumbnail images on the Google blog page,

<http://googleblog.blogspot.com/2008/...on-google.html>
and saving that page as a link

The Ormond Beach Historical Society will sponsor: The 2nd annual Holiday Tour of Homes on Sunday, Dec14th from 1 to 6 pm. Advance tickets are \$20 and \$25 the day of tour that starts and finishes at the Anderson-Price Building at 42 N. Beach St., including 5 homes and 2 Historical Buildings.

Refreshments and munchies will be at the Anderson-Price building along with a variety of entertainment including 2 local piano players, the Seaside Singers, and as a special guest, Melody Anglin, a well-known harpist to entertain you. Last year's tour sold out ,so get these early!!!! Get tickets at our office on Granada Blvd, next to Billy's Restaurant, the MacDonald house or call 677-7005 for your tickets. Santa is expected to show up too!

FAMILY TREE DNA & MY HERITAGE OFFER DISCOUNTED DNA TESTS

The family networking and genealogy site MY HERITAGE and genetic genealogy company FAMILY-TREEDNA just announced a partnership that promises DNA testing discounts for you. The arrangement continues the trend of merging social networking, genealogy and DNA, on sites such as GENETREE, ANCESTRY.COM and FAMILYBUILDER.

The [FamilyTree DNA](#)-My Heritage offer includes these discounted DNA tests:

* 25-marker Y-DNA: \$129 (FamilyTreeDNA doesn't usually offer a 25-marker test, but its 12-marker test costs \$149)

* mtDNAplus, which tests mitochondrial DNA and estimates Native American and African ancestry: \$129 (this beats FamilytreeDNA's regular price of \$189)

* mtDNA and 25-marker Y-DNA: \$219 (compare to the regular price of \$229 for an mtDNA and 12-marker Y-DNA combo)

The offer page says the specials are for MyHeritage users, though it doesn't look like you're required to prove you're a member of MyHeritage. You can read more about these and other genetic genealogy companies in previous Genealogy insider blog posts of Family Tree Magazine. The DNA toolkit on [FamilyTreeMagazine.com](#) offers advice on choosing the right test for your research questions.

Check surname project for even better price!

GENETREE BIRTHDAY DNA OFFER

To celebrate their 1st BD Genetree is offering a \$30 discount on:

Y-46, mt I, II, III and Combo DNA Tests

Call 866-740-6362

or

Visit www.genetree.com

Use discount code **"Birthday30"**

Offer expires 12/31/08

CANADIAN CENSUSES TO BE DIGITIZED AND INDEXED

According to an article in the current Family Tree Magazine, the subscription site <Ancestry.ca> (a Canadian records-focused sister site to Ancestry.com) and FamilySearch are partnering to digitize and index Ancestry.ca's Canadian census records. They'll be available to Ancestry.ca subscribers in 2009, and the indexes will be free to the public on the FamilySearch Web site. The images will be free at FamilySearch Family History Centers.

Canadian national censuses were taken every 10 years starting in 1871; earlier censuses cover various areas of Canada. Under the agreement, FamilySearch will provide Ancestry.ca with images and indexes for 1861, 1871, 1881 and 1916 censuses. Ancestry.ca will provide FamilySearch with indexes for the 1891 and 1901 censuses.

This partnership should ease Canadian roots research a bit. Only the 1901, 1906, and 1911 censuses, as well as part of an 1851 census are indexed by name. To find your ancestor in other censuses, you need to know his or her district and subdistrict--which could change between censuses.

The Web site Automated Genealogy is coordinating a volunteer indexing project for the 1901, 1906 and 1911 censuses; search the growing database free. If you find an ancestor's name and district information, look for him listed in the free census images on the Library and Archives Canada Web site

NEW BOOKS CITY ISLAND LIBRARY LOCAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGY ROOM

GA	975.8DAV	Historical Collection of the Georgia Chapters of the DAR V-II Records of Richmond Co GA.	DAR
GA	975.8DAV	Historical Collection of the Gorgia Chapters of the DAR V-IV Old Bible Records and Land Lotteries	DAR
SC	975.7HOL	South Carolina Marriages 1688-1799	Halcomb
SC	975.7HOL	South Carolina Marriages 1800-1820	Halcomb
PA	974.8MAR	Marriages Reported Der Libanan Demokrat German Newspaper	Heilman
SC	875.7GRE	History of the Old Cheraws	Alexander Gregg
VT	974.3VER	Vermont Families in 1791 , Vol -1	Gen Soc VT
Irl	941.5MIT	Guide to Irish Parish Registers	Mitchell
FAM	929.2ARC	Matilda Archer Story Above Donated by Richard M. Lyon	Brantley
MA	974.4EAR	Early Massachusetts Marriages Prior to 1800 Donated by Abigail Bartholomew Chapter DAR	
NY	974.7HLS	History Of Monroe County Donated by Pearl Lee Young Sugar Mill Chapter DAR	
Al	976.1mar	Marriage Death Legal Notices Alabama Newspapers 1819-1893	Gundred
FL	929.2BOS	Life and Times of Daniel C. Boswell	Helen Boswell
VA	975.5BIR	Births form Bristol Parish Register of Henrico, Prince George and Dinnwiddie Co. 1720-1798	Chamberlayne
IR	941.5EUS	Registry of Deeds Dublin Abstracts of Wills Vol 1 1708- 1745	Eustice
IR	941.5EUS	Registry of Deeds Dublin Abstracts of Wills Vol II 1746- 1785	Eustice

MAN WINS NC STATE FAIR PRIZE FOR BUILDING HIS OWN COFFIN

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) --Grady Hunter will take his prize-winning entry in the N.C. State Fair to the grave. The News & Observer of Raleigh reported that Hunter won a blue ribbon in this year's crafts and hobbies competition by making his own coffin. "I'm tickled to death with it," Hunter told the newspaper. Hunter, 75, wanted to improve on store-bought caskets, so he installed three inches of foam at the thinnest point, rising to 12 inches at the head to place his body on an incline. The case has hard-rock maple and Brazilian cherry. He also routed his signature into the wood. On the inside of the lid, Hunter plans to pin pictures of his son, daughter and grandchildren, so he can take those with him. Hunter has even lined up pallbearers for his funeral, and he's writing his own eulogy. *News Item Submitted by Ivey Bedell*

Dr. WILLIAM H. STEMPER, 61, New Smyrna Beach, College professor and author, died Nov. 2, 2008 [DBNJ 11/9/2008](#)

Dr. Stemper was a regular speaker at VCGS and other local historical groups. He leaves a huge void of Historical knowledge by his sudden departure that will be missed by those that knew him and anyone that ever heard him speak or had the pleasure of conversing with him.

FLORIDA PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION

Featuring over 150,000 digitized photographs from the State Archives of Florida, the Florida Photographic Collection is the most complete online portrait of Florida available--one that draws its strength from family pictures, the homes of Floridians, their work, and their pastimes.

<http://www.floridamemory.com/PhotographicCollection/>

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.

Mary McLeod Bethune

Mary McLeod Bethune was born in 1875, the fifteenth of seventeen children born to a freed slave. At the age of 19 she traveled to do missionary work and study at the Moody Bible Institute. She arrived in Daytona Beach in 1904 with only her personal belongings and her son, Albert, to open a school for girls. Henry Flagler was building the east coast railway with Negro laborers and Bethune felt there was a need for a school.

She found deplorable conditions. Ms Bethune eventually found an empty shack on Oak St that the owner wanted \$11 a month for rent. Bethune offered \$1.50 and then sold sweet potato pies to pay for the rest. To outfit the school, Bethune picked up discarded dishes, brooms, lamps, clothing etc from the dumps or the resort hotels refuse piles. Furniture was created from packing boxes and crates. Pencils were made from charred wood and ink from the juice of elderberries. She found a strong supporter in Dora Maley, a local resident.

The curriculum for the 5 girls and her son consisted of domestic and industrial training along with reading, writing, and arithmetic. To make money for the school these 6 students were trained as a choir to sing hymns and spirituals. They performed at many of the elite residences in the area including the John D Rockefeller home, The Casements. He later presented Mary with his father's family organ.

Within two years the school had grown to 250 pupils with 4 teachers living on black-eyed peas and hominy grits. It was still a difficult to find the money for pay the rent so Mary decided to build her own school. The only location was “Hell's Hole” which was filled with garbage and mosquitoes. Bethune put down a down payment and then continued to raise funds with the choir performances and begging! She would write to the wealthy vacationers in the area including James N. Gamble. He became the 1st trustee donating \$150. A Mr. Thomas H White, a friend of Mr. Gamble was shocked at the crude beginnings and left a trust fund of \$67,000 which helped to build the main assembly hall – White Hall.

By 1923 the school had grown to a junior college and merged with the old Cookman Institute of Jacksonville thus becoming Bethune-Cookman College. Mrs. Bethune was the president.

In 1941, Bethune-Cookman became a 4 year teaching college.

Sources: **Centennial History of Volusia Co, Florida 1854-1954**; edited by Ianthe Bond through the Volusia County Historical Commission; 1955 Various websites

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.

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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 .

The VCGS Newsletter is published monthly Sept—June , sent by email to all members and is placed online each month at the VCGS website NL archive <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flvcgs/nl.htm>

Members can have a printed hard copy mailed to you in 2009 please pay Treasurer \$5.00 before Jan 1.

NEW E-BOOK AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD

"THE RESEARCHER'S GUIDE TO AMERICAN GENEALOGY" -- "Recommended as the most comprehensive how-to book on American genealogical and local history research." - Library Journal

In every field of study there is one book that rises above the rest in stature and authority and becomes the standard work in the field. In genealogy that book is Val Greenwood's "Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy."

Arguably the best book ever written on American genealogy, it is the text of choice in colleges and universities or wherever courses in American genealogy are taught. Of the dozens of textbooks, manuals, and how-to books that have appeared over the past twenty-five years, it is the one book that is consistently praised for setting a standard of excellence.

In a word, "The Researcher's Guide" has become a classic while it instructs the researcher in the timeless principles of genealogical research, it also identifies the various classes of records employed in that research, groups them in convenient tables and charts, gives their location, explains their uses, and evaluates each of them in the context of the research process. Designed to answer practically all the researcher's needs, it is both a textbook and an all-purpose reference book. And it is this singular combination that makes "The Researcher's Guide" the book of choice in any genealogical investigation. It is also the reason why if you can afford to buy only one book on American genealogy in a lifetime, this has to be it.

This new 3rd edition incorporates the latest thinking on genealogy and computers, specifically the relationship between computer technology (the internet and CD-ROM) and the timeless principles of good genealogical research. It also includes a new chapter on the property rights of women, a revised chapter on the evaluation of genealogical evidence, and updated information on the 1920 census. Little else has changed, or needs to be changed, because the basics of genealogy remain timeless and immutable. This 3rd edition of "The Researcher's Guide", then, is a clear, comprehensive, and up-to-date account of the methods and aims of American genealogy--an essential text for the present generation of researchers--and no sound genealogical project is complete without it. PDF format (requires Adobe Reader), 676 pages, published in 2000, reprinted in 2005 - \$19.95 to download. To download the book go to:

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VOLUSIA—FLAGLER COUNCIL OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES 2009 GENEALOGY SEMINAR

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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
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