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At our Thursday, February 19, 2009 regular meeting **Mr. George G Morgan**, will present a NEW Topic for 2009 **“Locating Anglican Parish Registers in England “.**

[George G. Morgan](#) is an internationally recognized genealogist and author of five books, several online columns, and hundreds of articles for genealogical publications. He was the keynote speaker at the V-FCGS 2009 Seminar.

He is past president of ISFHWE, a director of the Florida Genealogical Society, and co-host of “The Genealogy Guys™ Podcast.”

Valentines Day February 14

Don't Forget that Sweetheart!

Pictured right: ca.1900 Valentine card sent to “Grandma Bradley with love” from my own Grandma.

John Woodard



February 16, 2009 [U.S. Presidents Day](#), officially known as Washington's Birthday, is a federal holiday in the United States and is celebrated on the third Monday of February. In 2009, Presidents Day falls on February 16.

Although it has become known as a great weekend for sales, especially on cars, there's a lot more to the holiday. Presidents Day is a good chance to learn more about American History, civic responsibility and even U.S. Geography. The site below can help you celebrate and have some fun.

Presidents Day was originally designated in honor of George Washington's birthday and is still legally called "Washington's Birthday." The first president of the United States was born on February 22, 1732.

Fly your flag if you have one.



On January 15, 2009 The VCGS Board of Directors voted Unanimous approval of ; VCGS 2008 Standing Rules continuation as 2009 VCGS Standing Rules. As soon as the 2009 Standing Rules are signed they will replace the 2008 Standing Rules on the [VCGS Website](#).

VCGS Society Calendar

Thursday Feb 19, 2009 5pm Board meeting
6pm Regular meeting; [George G. Morgan](#),
"Locating Anglican Parish Registers in England"

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; Barbara Costello,
Government Documents Librarian/Associate Professor
at duPont-Ball Library Stetson University, DeLand FL.

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
SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER

From our new Membership Chair:

Many of you may already know me as a VCGS Director. For those who don't, I am Vince Santana. I have been a VCGS member for 2 1/2 years, a Navy Vet in my 50's. I have been researching my family going on 40 years. I am not a professional genealogist, but I have some knowledge, so if you hit a brick wall, give me a yell and maybe together we can break through it. I have some ideas to increase membership but wish to discuss them with the Executive Board first. If you have any questions of me, just ask and I will be glad to answer.

Vincent Santana

Volusia -Flagler Sister Societies

HGS Ormond Library, Feb 12 1:30 Carolyn Carlisle -
French Canadian Research

R&B DeLand Library Sun. Feb 15, 2pm Folino, who will
be speaking about "When You Can't Find Them In Ellis
Island Records."

GSSVC NSB Library. Mon. Feb 9, 5pm Kathy Hennigan -
"Lineage Societies."

GSFC Flagler - Thurs, Feb.26 5:30pm Leslie Vaughn -
"Family Search Labs, Pilot Project"

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !

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time supporting VCGS member.

NEWS YOU CAN USE.....GOOGLE 411

Before I leave on a Genealogy research trip, I prepare by taking a Map Quest page, phone numbers and hours of operation for all Libraries, Archives, Courthouses, Cemeteries, Museums and other places of interest I plan to visit. Combined with my Garmin GPS I do pretty well. But when I need something new I have to look at the Yellow pages if I am lucky to be in the area or I wait until I get to my motel that night and use my computer to search for something online.

Here's a number worth putting in your cell phone, or your home phone speed dial: **1-800-goog411**. This is an awesome service from Google, and **it's free** -- great when you are on the road. Don't waste your money on information calls and don't waste your time manually dialing the number.

From your home or car you hit your preprogrammed speed dial for **1-800-goog411**

The voice at the other end says, "City & State." you answer "City, State"

Voice asks, "Business Name or Type of Service." You say "name of business or even just type of business you want."

Voices gives top options or if only one, says "Connecting" and your desired location answers the phone! How great is that? This is nationwide and it is absolutely free!

NEW BOOKS CITY ISLAND LIBRARY LOCAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGY ROOM

Donation by Richard Lyon - NEW Hard back bound reprints of "Confederate Veteran Magazines".

Read articles written by the Veterans themselves. Thank You Mr. Lyon.

If you can read cursive, you're probably older than 40

Article published Jan 4, 2009 McClatchy Newspapers Excerpts from an article By MELISSA NIX

Over the past decade, teachers and secondary students across the country have reported a trend that their parents and grandparents could scarcely imagine: The millennial generation is increasingly cursive illiterate.

The digital age has pushed to the periphery a penmanship skill used for generations. The world of personal computers, e-mail and texting has rendered the handwritten note an anomaly, something that many of today's students get only from grandparents. Some parents complain that their middle scholars can't sign their names in cursive — the flowing style of penmanship in which the letters are connected.

Many students can't read it, and many more can't write it, either.

But while cursive fluency often makes elementary kids feel like grown-ups, this rite of passage often loses its currency once kids hit middle school, teachers say.

"Who, when several generations have chosen the keyboard over cursive, will be able to read handwritten love letters or historical documents?" asked Dennis Williams, the national product manager for Zaner-Bloser, an education publisher that produces a popular cursive instruction curriculum.

"If (our students) can't read or write cursive, there will be parts of the world they will not be able to access," Patrick O'Neill, assistant principal for academics at St. Francis High School in Sacramento, said. "They have to be able to access all the forms of communication available today."

Personal comment: What will happen when or if these kids become interested in genealogy considering the problems we have with deciphering some of the writing of preceding generations?

Article submitted by Kitty Consalvo

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.

Lue Gim Gong

Although there is no genealogical significance with Lue Gim Gong, he did work and live in Volusia County and contributed to the citrus industry. Lue was born in Canton, China in 1859 to a family of farmers. Times were tough and when his uncle returned to China from the US Lue pleaded with his parents to let him travel with his uncle back to San Francisco. Lue lived in San Francisco until the age of 16 when he moved to North Adams, MA. He was one of many Chinese to work in a shoe factory owned by C. T. Sampson.

Several women felt the need to Christianize the Chinamen and started Sunday school classes. Lue attended a class taught by Fannie Burlingame. Fannie lived with her father and three sisters and eventually had Lue stay at their house to work in the gardens. He was quite skilled in propagating plants and developing new brands. He developed an apple that ripened a month earlier than others and a tomato that grew in clusters by using a pollination technique he had learned in China.

Lue converted to Christianity and by 1877 had become a citizen of the United States. His health was not the best and when he had contacted tuberculosis he was advised to move to a warmer climate. Fannie suggested DeLand where her sister and brother-in-law, William Dumville, owned land.

In Florida, he learned to cross pollinate citrus by watching bees. He produced a cold tolerant grapefruit that was slower to drop off the trees, a grapefruit that grew singularly rather than in clumps, and an aromatic variety. Things were going well until Dec 1894 and Feb 1895 when Florida suffered the worst freezes in recorded history. Ninety-five percent of the groves were lost. Everyone had to start over. Fannie was in poor health and died in 1903. Lue was left some of the property and he continued to work with the citrus.

In 1911, Lue was awarded a Silver Wilder Medal from the US Department of Agriculture for cross-pollinating a “Hart’s Late” with a “Mediterranean Sweet”. This new orange was named “Lue Gim Gong” and ripened in early fall and was more resistant to cold weather.

Lue Gin Gong died in 1925 and is buried in Oakdale Cemetery.

Sources:

- 1. various web sites*
- 2. Images of America DeLand by Maggie Smith Hall, Michael Justin Holder & Western Volusia Historical Society, 2003*

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 SEMINAR WITH GEORGE G MORGAN AND DREW SMITH - PALMETTO CLUB A SUCCESS

The 2009 Seminar was a success in spite of not selling the maximum seating available. We had 114 registrations, two of the best speakers in Genealogy - Mr. George G Morgan and Drew Smith aka "The Genealogy Guys!" who presented a 4 topic all day program that enlightened all. The Palmetto Club served a wonderful warm on time hot buffet and prizes were plentiful. The committee has received some outstanding complimentary emails congratulating the Committee a professional Seminar and several suggested the Palmetto Club is the perfect place to have this event.

THANK YOU to the 2009 Seminar committee for the year of planning this successful event. THANK YOU to everyone that gave a prize gift, to our speakers and the Palmetto Club and its staff for a great day. And most of all THANK YOU to everyone that attended making this a memorable seminar.

Visit the [V-F CGS NL website](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flvfcs/) at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flvfcs/ and click on PHOTO Album.

PILGRIMS REST CEMETERY Celebrates 100 YEARS

Granada Ave and Nova Rd. Ormond Beach - PUBLIC WELCOME

2 pm on Sunday April 26, 2009 Confederate Memorial Day

Ceremonies include 21 gun and cannon salute by the J Franklin Hull Camp

For info call Nancy Partridge 672-0463 or Tony Corn 566-6139



FROM JUNE BYRNE AT THE HOLLY HILL FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

You may or may not be aware that AOL closed down its free websites. Consequently, the address to my June's Favorite Sites has changed. The catalog to the FHC has also closed down for the same reason.

New address to my sites; <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~clover/sites/sites.html>

ELLIS ISLAND HOSPITAL DOCUMENTARY AIRS IN FEBRUARY

Forgotten Ellis Island, a documentary based on film producer Lorie Conway's book of the same name about the immigrant hospital at America's busiest port of arrival, is set to air on many PBS stations Feb. 2 at 10 p.m. (It'll air Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. in some places.)

See the Forgotten Ellis Island web site <http://forgottenellisland.com/> and check local TV listings for updates.

A REASON TO RESEARCH

"If there were nothing in the lives of our Ancestors to instill pride of ancestry, their history would still concern us; for they were among the pioneers of civilization, to first settle these wilds, then known as the "New World" and prepared the foundations upon which has become the western world and a relation of the sufferings and trials, their contests with the wilderness and its savage inhabitants, and their actions and doings in the infancy of the country, can not be without interest to their descendants".

Volusia County Genealogical Society, Inc - Founded 1976, is the oldest Genealogy Society in Volusia County. Meeting City Island Library Daytona Beach , 3rd. Thursday monthly at 6pm.

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 .

Volunteers needed for the City Island Genealogy History Room

Can you spare just few hours a week to man the Gen Room. It is not hard at all, very rewarding and self enlightening. We have a few days a week that need just 2 or three hour blocks covered. See Librarian Celia Jones or call her at 257-3036. Please make the time.

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

SOCIETY PROJECTS IN PROGRESS The Societies mission and honored legacy is the support to the Local History and Gen Room at City Library. Present projects in progress are :

- **PURCHASING COUNTY HERITAGE BOOKS**
VCGS Book committee - Members welcome!
- **VOLUNTEERING IN GEN ROOM** - *See Celia Jones*
- **SURNAME VERTICAL FILES** - *Any researcher*
- **COMBINING GEN BOOK ADDENDUMS WITH NEWLY INDEXED GEN BOOKS** *J Woodard*
- **AUCTIONS OF DUPLICATE MATERIALS PROCEEDS TO BUY NEW BOOKS** *J Woodard*
- **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** - *Vince Santana*

If you have time to participate or desire further info please see the person listed.

GOOGLE EARTH STREET VIEW WITH CAMERA

If you have not looked at **Google Earth** in a while, you may be surprised to find the Street View feature that justified a second Google feature this month.

You can zoom from space to street level instantly and then pan or jump from place to place, city to city, even country to country. Get Google Earth. Put the world in perspective.

<http://earth.google.com>

This is too cool. You can email or save the image. Check out your own house or some place you used to be.

Thanks Tom Peake

NBC to add "Who Do You Think You Are?" Genealogy TV Show in April

I have written many times about "Who Do You Think You Are?," a very popular British television that has since been exported to other countries. Each country produces their own shows, featuring local television personalities and stories. Now NBC will bring the television program to American viewers, starting April 20. The program will air on Mondays at 8 p.m. "Who Do You Think You Are?" will feature American celebrities, including Lisa Kudrow, Sarah Jessica Parker and Susan Sarandon, as they unearth their family trees. Kudrow's company, Is or Isn't Entertainment, will produce the programs, along with the U.K.'s Wall to Wall Productions.

The series will examine a star's family tree and uncover stories about love, secrets and triumphs in his or her family's past, while also weaving the family story into the larger narrative of American history. "This show personalizes history and turns it into a gripping narrative," Kudrow says. "The most striking thing about the show is the realization of how connected we all are."

Originally Posted by Dick Eastman on January 27, 2009 submitted by Joyce Bailly
