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LAST MONTH at the February 19, 2009 regular meeting **Mr. George G Morgan**, presented his new topic **"Locating Anglican Parish Registers in England"**.

George delivered a great 70 minute program introducing the Origins of the Anglican church with some history of Henry the VIII followed with what and here to find English church records today.

Most interesting was the description of where to find the research aides at SOG, Societies of Genealogies in London www.sog.org.uk and The LDS church FHC records. George made strong recommendation for the Society to procure "The Phillimore Atlas and Index of Parish Records", by Cecil Humphery-Smith.

Tip of the evening for doing old English research is to be prepared for old handwriting and some Latin. Mr. Morgan's wonderful program is manifest of the high quality the VCGS strives to provide our members.

THIS MONTH on Thursday March 19, 2009 at 6pm [Ann Staley](#) will present **"Genealogical Research and the Internet"**

A Gen Book sale Table with again be set up. All books not sold will be placed for sale on line to the public with other duplicate Gen Books that have been removed from the Library Catalogue. Money from these sales will be used to purchase new Gen Books for the Local History and Genealogy Room at City Island.

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SUGAR NIPPERS: Years ago, sugar was sold to local general stores in one large chunk or "sugarloaf" as tall as 3 feet and weight up to 55 pounds. A hammer was used to break the sugarloaf into smaller chunks, which were then hung from the ceiling (for protection from ants or rats) and covered with netting.

These "sugar nippers" were then used by the shopkeeper to remove small pieces for individual customers.

by Joyce Bailey



VCSS Society Calendar

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 M.L.S.
will speak on "Historical Treasures, Genealogical Gems:
the Government Documents Collection at the Stetson University Library."
Government

Thursday May 21, 2009 5pm Board meeting
6pm Regular meeting; [Elmer Spears](#) will again
attempt a program on his Madison FL Gen Library

Thursday Jun 15, 2009 5pm Board meeting
6pm Regular meeting; Summer Social -
Everyone brings a treat to share.

**NO MEETINGS JULY OR AUGUST
SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER**



Volusia -Flagler Sister Societies

HGS Ormond Library, Mar 12, 1:30 Lou McNally " Digging Weather out of Old Diaries"

R&B DeLand Library Mar 15, 2pm Kathy Stickney who will be talking about "Validating Your Information."

GSSVC NSB Library. Mar 9, 5pm Debbe Hagner - "How will old newspapers and magazines help me in my research?"

GSFC Flagler - Mar.26 5:30pm Craig Funeral Home - "Aiding genealogists on the use of the Blue Book "

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !

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MULLINS - York Co. SC / Wall Co. GA

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Diana is a Veteran City Island Gen Room Volunteer.

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Volunteers needed for the City Island Genealogy History Room

Look closely at the Blue Image above to find the answer to what Volunteering gives back to those that give their time. See Librarian Celia Jones or call her at 257-3036.

NEW BOOKS CITY ISLAND LIBRARY LOCAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGY ROOM

These newly indexed books have been added to the [2008 Index Book list](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flvcgs/newbookscityisland2008.htm) on the VCGS Website.
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flvcgs/newbookscityisland2008.htm

SC	975.7SAL	Death Notices SC Gazette 1732- 1775	Sally and Webber
SC	975.7HOL	Supplement to SC Marriages 1688- 1820	Holcomb
FAM	929.BEG	Beegle Family and Related Families	Robert F Beegle.
FLA	975.921SMI	Haunted Daytona Beach	Dusty Smith
FLA	975-921SPE	Greetings from Daytona Beach FL	Donald Spencer
FLA	975-921SPE	Greetings from Ormond Beach Fl	Donald Spencer
MA	974.4SMI	The Housatonic - Puritan River	C.P. Smith
ENG	973.4SCH	Rough Crossings	Simon Schamp
MIL	973-3092WOO	Revolutionary Characters	Gordon S Wood

OTHER NEWLY INDEXED BOOKS AT CITY ISLAND GEN ROOM.

BIO	920.03WHO	Who's Who in America 1901 - 1902	
BIO	920.03WHO	Who's Who in America 1916 - 1917	
CT	974.6HAR	Connecticut, The	Walter Hard
FAM	929.2DAV	Walter Goodwin Davis, MA & ME Families in the Ancestry of	Gardner and Moses
FAM	929.2SAV	Savage Roots and Branches	
FAM	929.2EVANS	Edward Evans, Descendants of the Drummer Boy	Thomas
FLA	976.332McC	Fighting Gators - History U of F Football	McCarthy
FLA	975.18LAP	Ghosts of St. Augustine	Dave Lapham
FLA	975.921CAM	Daytona Beach Florida, Postcard Tour	Dale Cambre
FLA	917.59STE	Historic Homes of Florida	Stewart and Hopp
MD	975.2GUT	Potomac Rivers of America	Gutheim
MD	975.2AND	Frederick Co. MD Land Records Liber E V-I 1748 - 1752	P Anderson
MD	975.2AND	Frederick Co. MD Land Records Liber E V-II 1752 - 1756	P Anderson
MIL	973.2BUC	Bounty and Donation Land Grants in British Colonial America	Buckstruck
MIL	974.7STE	Betrays- Fort William Henry & the Massacre	Ian Steele
MIL	973.7CAT	Civil War an American Heritage Picture History , The	Catton
MIL	973.7DAV	Civil War, Commanders of V-I	William Davis
MIL	973.7DAV	Civil War , Battlefields of the V-II	William Davis
MIL	973.7DAV	Civil War , Fighting Men of the V-III	William Davis
Mil	974.6JAC	Rev War Records of Fairfield Conn	Jacobus
MIL	974.4WRI	Mass. Militia Roots : Bibliographic Study	Capt R Wright
MIL	974.7MOO	Story Road, The	Moose
MIL	973.7WAR	Civil War, The	Ward
NJ	974.9HAR	Exploring Little Rivers of NJ	CAWLEY
NJ	974.9MIE	Where the Raritan Flows	Miers
PA	974.8CAL	Venango Co. PA , History of - Index	JA Caldwell
PA	974.8Cal	Venango Co. PA , History of	JA Caldwell
VA	975.5BRU	Revolutionary War Records of VA	Brumbaugh

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.

Patrick Dean

Dunlawton Plantation, now known as the Sugar Mill Gardens, was the beginning of Port Orange. Patrick Dean, a nephew of John Bunch, was granted 995 acres in 1804 from the Spanish Crown and was instrumental in financing the relocation of a group of planters, including his uncle, from New Providence, Bahamas.

Dean arrived from the Bahamas and established a plantation where cotton, rice, and sugar cane was grown. The crops were cultivated by slaves although the mill was driven by animals. It is thought that Dean met his fate at the hands of a renegade Indian during the 1st Indian War in 1818. One source says that after Dean's death the plantation went to his sister, Cecily Bunch who sold it to Charles Lawton, from Charleston, SC, in 1830 for \$3,000. Apparently Lawton was a land broker and sold this property to Sarah Anderson and her two sons, George and James. Both George and James owned a plantation on the Tomoka River and sold that in order to buy the Dean property.

This plantation then became known as the Dunlawton Plantation, the name being formed from the combination of Sarah's maiden name of Dunn and the land dealer's name, Lawton. The mill continued to be operated by slave labor until 1835 when the 2nd Seminole Indian War broke out. A company of Florida militia, called the Mosquito Roarers, under the leadership of Major Benjamin Putnam engaged a large band of Seminoles who were pillaging the Dunlawton Plantation. Even with heavy fighting they couldn't disperse the Indians. This 2nd Seminole Indian War ended in 1842.

By 1846, John Marshall, a planter from Louisiana, had bought the property and rebuilt the destroyed mill. He began growing sugar cane but due to the marketing of sugar, the high cost of slaves and the onset of the Civil War he abandoned the plantation. During the Civil War the confederate soldiers made salt at this location.

John Milton Hawks (see a previous article) named the area Orange Port in Feb 1867. By April 1867, the name was changed to Port Orange as there was another community with the name of Orange Port.

The property was donated to Volusia County by J. Saxton Lloyd and since 1988 it has operated as non-profit Botanical Gardens of Volusia, Inc.

Sources: *Port Orange: A Great Community* Vol I by Harold D Cardwell, Sr and Priscilla D Cardwell 2001

Various web sites

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.

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



Missouri History Museum has Launched the Genealogy and Local History Index

<http://www.mohistory.org/genealogy> -- which includes references to hundreds of thousands of our St. Louis ancestors. In this index, you can search by personal name, business/corporate name, or street address. (The latter search option is designed primarily for those researching the history of their home and its former residents.) You can also sign up for our email list to receive monthly announcements of new sources that are added to the index.

BEFORE SEARCHING, PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO READ THE IMPORTANT SEARCH TIPS!

Among the more than 225 sources in the Genealogy and Local History Index are the following: more than 5,000 Civil War-era loyalty oaths signed by St. Louisans; many high school and other school yearbooks from the first

half of the 20th century; local Who's Who publications; company employee magazines; a few mid-19th-century, nonfederal St. Louis-area censuses; questionnaires filled out by World War I servicemen; records and publications relating to Civil War veterans; and much more.

Please note that the Genealogy and Local History Index is an INDEX to selected books, publications, documents, and photographs in the holdings of the Missouri History Museum Library and Research Center. You cannot

view a digital image of the actual source online. If you find references in the index that interest you, you can request a photocopy online. (Copies will be mailed in 1-2 business days.)

Please also visit our new Family History--Get Started page --- <http://www.mohistory.org/lrc/family-history/get-started> --- to learn about additional catalogs, guides, and indexes.

Read more about the Genealogy and Local History Index in the current edition of Voices, the online magazine of the Missouri History Museum: <http://www.mhmvoices.org/2008FallDept2.php>

Contributed by Kitty Consalvo

Bob Bailey offers a GPS tip follow up to last months Google Tips

I recently purchased a GPS for my car. I love it, it works great in most situations. Lately I have been planning a genealogy trip and we plan to make many stops at cemeteries. Many of these are very rural and have no addresses, or the addresses might be the office which may or may not be at the same location. I have found many of these small cemeteries on "Google Earth", a site that is free and downloadable from the internet. When you locate the cemetery on Google Earth you simply record the coordinates listed at the bottom of the page. (Be sure you have the cursor placed where you want to drive to on the map). You can then transfer the coordinates to your GPS and drive right to the location. I have experimented with this method here in town and it works great. Even if the location is an old private road or is out in the woods, it will take you right to the spot. Good addresses are not required. Try it, it works!!

From Bob Bailey

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. Sept—June

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 .



Birthday Calculator - Interesting and Fun

Click on '[Birthday Calculator](#)' It tells you how many hours and how many seconds you have been alive on this earth and when you were probably conceived

How cool is that? Who says our time clocks aren't ticking...

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

OLD TIME FUNERALS

It may be said of funerals years ago that it was regarded as a sign of heartlessness if there was not a public show of extreme sorrow and mourning. A funeral home or parlor was unknown, and there were only two places where a funeral took place - at the home or in a church. In these parts, a church funeral was expected only for an elderly, highly respected person. If the party was a prominent member of the church, there was no charge for opening the edifice, but otherwise a fee of five dollars was required. This was for the sexton's services.

One of the sexton's duties was to toll the bell. This was an important duty; the sexton posted himself in the church belfry before the arrival of the funeral party and watched for the first sign of its approach. From his elevated lookout he could see the hearse when it entered town. Then the first doleful knell of the bell resounded, followed at longer or shorter intervals by as many strokes as denoted the age of the deceased - one for each year of his or her life. It sometimes required considerable skill to do this as the final peal must sound just as the hearse was pulled into the church grounds. For a very elderly person the tolling must be more rapid to get in the required number.

The mourners always dressed in black, and the chief mourner, if a woman, wore a black veil for at least a year. Pall bearers dressed in black and wore white gloves. The gloves were furnished by the undertaker and reclaimed by him after the funeral, but charged on each occasion. The bearers carried the casket into the church, their hats placed in a solemn row atop the casket. At the grave they lowered the casket by means of ropes.

A house funeral was a much simpler affair. The room where the casket rested in the center had borrowed chairs placed against the wall for the ladies - the men remained outdoors. All pictures and mirrors were turned to the wall or covered with towels. To see the reflection of the deceased's face was the greatest misfortune. The preacher took his place in the open doorway, and the sermon followed, with much lauding of the deceased and solemn admonitions to the living.

written by John C. Storms in 1957

Submitted by Joyce Bailey.
