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**THIS MONTH** on Thursday, April 16 at 6pm Barbara Costello, M.L.S. will speak on "Historical Treasures, Genealogical Gems: the Government Documents Collection at the Stetson University Library."

Barbara Costello, M.L.S., is an Associate Professor and has served as the Government Documents Librarian at the duPont-Ball Library, Stetson University, since 1998. She has twenty-two years of experience in government information librarianship.



**PA Book Restored:** In keeping with the wonderful legacy of the VCGS Mission to support the Local History and Genealogy Room at City Island Library Book collection. The Board approved a request by Librarian Celia Jones to pay \$75 to recover The History of PA., a wonderful huge rare volume that was falling apart. This newly covered book (pictured) is on the shelf in the PA section. Is your Grandfathers Bio in this book?

## **NEW Ancestry.com. Georgia, Confederate Pension Applications, 1879-1960**

[database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2009. Original data: Confederate Pension Applications, Georgia Confederate Pension Office, RG 58-1-1, Georgia Archives.

Description: This database contains pension application files of Confederate soldiers and widows applying from Georgia between 1879 and 1960. Information contained in the database includes: name of applicant, application year, and application type. Additional information about the widow or soldier can be found in the actual pension applications files. The files usually consist of a few pages, including a cover sheet. The other pages included may vary depending on the year of application. However, they generally provide details on the soldier and his military service.

**NOTICE HOW MANY PAGES ARE INCLUDED IN EACH PACKET!!**

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## VCOS Society Calendar

**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 Univer-  
sity Library."

**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**

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Robert "R W" Patrick  
Box 265448  
Daytona Bch. FL 32126-5448  
(386) 679-1368

[Mongrel2GEN@aol.com](mailto:Mongrel2GEN@aol.com)

R.W. volunteers Gen Room Mondays.

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## ROOTS TELEVISION

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<http://www.rootstelevision.com>

## Volusia -Flagler Sister Societies

**HGS** Ormond Library, April 9, 1:30 Jim and Terry  
Willard will present "New England Research"

**R&B** DeLand Library April 19, 2pm Linda Vivian  
who will be talking about "Family Reunions, Are We  
Having Fun Yet?"

**GSSVC** NSB Library. April 13, 5pm Pam Cooper  
will speak on "Navigating back to England."

**GSFC** Flagler - April 23 5:30pm Leslie Vaughn will  
give a tour of Bunnell FHC.

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## Find Your Parents in the 1940 Census Substitute at Ancestry.com

**1940 Census Substitute with more than 2,000 city  
directories ranging from 1935 to 1945.** This col-  
lection will help you research your parents, grand-  
parents, and other relatives from the 1940-era, until  
the 1940 U.S. census is released in 2012.

Although city directories do not have quite as much  
detail about individuals as censuses—you'll likely  
find heads of households listed, along with their ad-  
dress and occupations—they offer something more:  
a vivid portrayal of your family member's neighbor-  
hood and community.

You'll find physical descriptions of the town; what  
the primary occupations and industries were; the  
types of organizations, institutions, clubs, and  
churches that were popular; and more. At the very  
least, that ad for phonographs will take you back to a  
different time and place.

So get ready to travel back in time and take a walk  
through the town your ancestors called home.

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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.

# 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.*

## John Batterson Stetson

John B. Stetson was born 5 May 1830 in Orange, NJ the 12<sup>th</sup> of 13 children to Stephen and Susan Batterson Stetson. His father was a hatter and John learned the trade from him. However, at a young age, he contacted tuberculosis and decided to head west. He landed in St. Joseph, MO and managed a brick yard and then took over the ownership. Within two years the Missouri River flooded and destroyed the business that Stetson had worked so hard at. At that point he joined a group headed to Pike’s Peak. It was while on this trip that he showed the men how to make fabric without weaving. This was a felt that he produced.

He designed a hat that he called the “Boss of the Plains” cowboy hat. It was durable, made from felt with a high, open crown and a broad rim. Thus the Stetson hat was founded. In 1865 he went to Philadelphia and opened a one-room hat repair business. He took a bold step and hired traveling salesmen to promote his hat. It paid off. At the height of his business Stetson employed 5,400 people and manufactured 11,000 hats a day.

He won numerous awards guided by his Baptist religious principles. He provided a clean and safe work environment, benefits to his employees including health care, open-air spaces and housing. He donated money to many worthy causes and helped to build Temple University and DeLand Academy. Stetson had built a home in DeLand and spent the winters there. In 1899, the DeLand Academy was renamed Stetson University in his honor where he also help to establish the first law school in Florida. He built the first power plant in Florida and DeLand became the first city to have electric streetlights. He helped to establish the YMCA in Philadelphia.

It appears that John Stetson was married 3 times. He appears with Nancy on the 1850 census. In 1880 he is married to Harriett (possibly Harkness) and has a daughter Florence, son-in-law Frank Crawford and grandson, Earl. Harriett died in 1883 and then he married Sarah Elizabeth Schindler. They had 3 children, two survived: John B, Jr and Henry.

John Stetson died in Volusia County in 1906. He is buried in West Laurel Hill Cemetery in Bala Cynwyd, PA.

Sources: various web sites

“A Little Journey to the Home of John B Stetson” by Elbert Hubbard found at Google Books.com

Findagrave.com

***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, 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 .

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### **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**



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## **COMPUTER CORNER**

In addition to my Standard “Back up your Data to a safe location” warning please take time to look at the following reliable computer safety warning from the South Florida Sun-Sentinel

### **This computer worm is no April Fool's joke**

Personal computers and laptops already infected with Conficker could automatically be linked to the servers operated by the hackers.

By Mc Nelly Torres | [South Florida Sun-sentinel 9:35 PM EDT, March 30, 2009](#)

Cyber security experts are warning that a new variation of Conficker, a fast-spreading computer worm also known as Downadup, could attack millions of computers on Wednesday -- April Fool's Day. Click above link to see story.

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## **DUTIES OF A NURSE IN 1887**

In addition to caring for your patients, each nurse will follow these regulations: Daily sweep and mop the floors of your ward. Bring in scuttle of coal sufficient for the day's business. Each day, fill the kerosene lamps, clean chimneys, trim wicks. Wash windows once each week. Each nurse will report daily at 7 A. M. and leave at 8 P. M., except on the Sabbath on which you will be off from noon to 2pm. Graduate nurses in good standing will be given an evening off each week for courting purposes or two evenings if you go regularly to church. Any nurse who smokes, uses liquor, get her hair done at a beauty shop or frequents dance halls will be suspect. A nurse who performs her labor, serves her patients and doctors without fault for a period of five years will be given an increase by the hospital administration of five cents a day providing there are no hospital debts outstanding.

"Pascack Valley Tales" Bergen County , New Jersey *Submitted by Bob Bailey*

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