

# Volusia County Genealogical Society

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Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 6 p.m. [Elmer Spears](#), Award winning genealogist and founder of "Elmer's Genealogy Library" in Madison, Florida, will be the speaker. The mission of Elmer's Genealogy Library is to provide a safe depository for individuals who wish to share documented family histories and records for present and future generations. Visitors are always welcome. Bring a friend!

Last months meeting on April 16, Ms. Barbara Costello, M.L.S. spoke about the duPont-Ball Library at Stetson University in DeLand. Stetson, noting it became part of the Federal Depository Library program in 1887 being the oldest Florida "selective" depository receiving about 30% of what FDLP distributes. Currently the collection totals about 350,000 items. You can get documents through inter-library loan, however, if it's archival material, they may not be able to send it.

Ms. Costello named genealogical gems that the library contains including among others: Complete War of the Rebellion, Letters of Delegates to Congress 1774-1789, Historical Register and Dictionary of the US Army 1789-1903. A lot of the material is from the War Department. They are continuing to put the older documents on-line. You can access the site at: [www.Stetson.edu/library](http://www.Stetson.edu/library) and look at WEBCAT.

The duPont Ball Library became a Florida depository in 1968 and is administered by the Florida State Library in Tallahassee. The program is not as successful as its federal counterpart because of the low compliance by state agencies.

The Federal Depository Library Website gives a listing of all such libraries in states. Google FDLP. You can put in US Government - Federal/State/Local in Google.

## VCSS Society Calendar

**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

**THURSDAY Sept 17, 2009** 5pm Board meeting  
6pm Regular meeting; Bob Grenier - TBA

### WELCOME NEW MEMBER !

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Mothers Day May 10  
Armed Forces Day May 16  
Memorial Day May 25

### Volusia -Flagler Sister Societies

**HGS** Ormond Library, May 14, 1:30pm Marian Tomblin will present "Making Your Ancestors Characters in a Novel"

**R&B** DeLand Library, May 17, 2pm Carolyn Carlisle, Topic: French Canadian research.

**GSSVC** NSB Library, May 11, 5pm Kathy Stickney - "Validating Your Information."

**GSFC** Palm Coast Flagler Library- May 28, 5:30pm Carolyn Carlisle, an expert in DNA.

### Genealogy Classes – Free

**Mark your Calendars for  
Tuesdays Sept 15, 22, and 29, 2009  
9:30 -11:30 am**

**City Island Library Board Room.  
Registration will be announced  
next meeting future newsletters.**

### Book Committee

VCSS Book committee looking for a few members to make selections of new book acquisitions for the Genealogy Room at City Island Library.

Next meeting to be announced at Regular Meeting Thursday May 21.

### 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.*

Andrew Turnbull

Toward the last quarter of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Britain was making a big attempt to colonize the New World. One person that was interested in this movement was Andrew Turnbull, a successful practicing physician in London of Scottish descent. He had spent time in the Mediterranean countries and married Maria Gracia Dura Bin, the daughter of a Greek merchant in Smyrna, Asia Minor. By 1763, Turnbull had accumulated great wealth and had convinced some associates that a settlement in Florida would be a good investment.

His first land grant was 18 June 1766 which allowed him to select a tract of 20,000 acres in East Florida. The following year in a partnership agreement with Sir William Duncan and Sir Richard Temple, Turnbull would receive adjoining grants of 20,000 acres to develop over the next seven years. He returned to Europe in search of colonists willing to make the trip to the new world and start a settlement. He recruited 1403 indentured laborers from Italy, Greece, Minorca and other Mediterranean nations. This represented the largest importation of Europeans in a single settlement in any European overseas colony.

In June 1767, 8 vessels landed at St Augustine and eventually arrived at what is now called New Smyrna Beach, named after his wife's place of birth. These colonists worked hard draining massive swamps by digging canals and clearing the land in preparation to plant indigo and crops for provisions.

Unaccustomed to ways of the wild and language barriers, along with sickness and political and religious differences, the colonists started an uprising. A boat load escaped but were pursued and eventually gave up. The colonists abandoned their cabins and relocated to St. Augustine. By 1777, New Smyrna was ruined and Andrew Turnbull was temporarily imprisoned unable to post his security bond.

After his brief incarceration, Turnbull traveled to Charleston, SC arriving there in May 1782. He died 13 March 1792.

## *Sources:*

**Volusia County Past and Present** by TE Fitzgerald; The Observer Press Daytona Beach, FL 1937  
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.***

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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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## What's new at Volusia GenWeb Project ?

[www.flgenhisonline.com/counties/flagvol/volusia/volusia.html](http://www.flgenhisonline.com/counties/flagvol/volusia/volusia.html)

600 Funeral home records are being added from the Old Bingham and Maley Funeral Home between [1901—1909](#) Now [Baggett and Summers](#) a Lohman Funeral Home are being added to the new [Funeral home pages](#) on the Volusia Gen Web Project. Example: Hull Funeral Card below .

W.F.	
HULL, Ella E.	24
Name	Age
7 April 1908	
Date of Death	Date of Birth/Birthplace
Ormond Beach, Fla.	- Cotton Plant, FL
Buried	
Bingham & Maley (now Baggett-Summers)	2 - 294
Funeral Home	Book/Page
George Winningham - Elizabeth Catherine	
Parents	
O.P. Horace Hull, Mantel, FL	

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