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Next VCGS meeting is **Thursday, Sept 17, 2009 at 6 p.m.**

Author Bob Grenier will speak on researching his books "Florida's Forgotten Pioneer: The Gallant Captain Melton Haynes" and "Woodlea: Life on the Lake of the Dancing Sunbeams", in the Auditorium of the City Island Library, 105 E. Magnolia Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL. [Directions and Map](#) Visitors are always welcome.

Beginning Genealogy Classes

Three classes -Tuesdays, September 15, 22, 29 - 2009

City Island Library Board Room

9:30 – 11:00am

Free

Join Carol and Ruth as they show you how to trace your family line back through the generations. As the mystery unfolds you will be shown how to use primary and secondary sources to prove your lineage. Perhaps you will find an ancestor that fought in the Revolutionary War or went off to the "far west" just over the mountain. We can guarantee a good time in the pursuit.

If interested, please call Carol Smith at 756-3634 to register.

Sponsored by Volusia County Genealogical Society and the Sugar Mill Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

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VCGS 2010 Officer Election Committee

As per the By Laws an Election Committee of at least 3, are required in order to assemble a slate of Officers to present for a vote at the Nov 19 regular meeting of the membership. Please contact John Woodard 760-2603 or vcgs@cfl.rr.com if you are interested in serving on this committee, or if you are wishing to serve the 2010 VCGS Executive Board. This Committee simply confirms the candidates (members in good standing) are willing to serve the position they are being nominated to fill.

VCGS Society Calendar

Thursday Sept 17, 5pm Board meeting
6pm Regular meeting; Author Bob Grenier will speak on researching his books "Florida's Forgotten Pioneer: The Gallant Captain Melton Haynes" and "Woodlea: Life on the Lake of the Dancing Sunbeams."

Thursday Oct 15, 5pm Board meeting
6pm Regular meeting; Author Harlan Hutchins speaks about "The Search for George Alden".

Thursday Nov 19, 5pm Board meeting
6pm Regular meeting; 2010 Elections and Members Round Table Discussion

Thursday Dec 17, 5pm Board meeting
6pm Christmas Social



Labor Day Sept 7
Patriot Day Sept 11
Constitution Day Sept 17
Fly your Flag !

Volusia -Flagler Sister

HGS Ormond Next Meeting Sept 10 1:30 pm at The Bookstore at 410 S Nova Rd. in Ormond Beach. Members Share Summer Research
R&B DeLand Library, Sept 20, 2pm Dr. Lou McNally "Digging Weather Out of Old Diaries".

GSSVC NSB Library, Sept 14, 5pm Barbara Costello on, *Historical Treasury and The Government Document Collection at Stetson*.

GSFC Palm Coast Flagler Library- Sept 24, 5:30pm TBA

VCGS as of Sept 2009**Membership**

59 Regular Paid Members for 2009
and 2 Honorary Members .

Treasurer Report

\$1,478.56

City Island History and Genealogy Room

Librarian Celia Jones is being transferred in October to the New Deltona Library. We are all sad to see her leave. Celia has been a light house shining bright for Genealogy at City Island for years. Thank you Celia for all you do. Librarian Stacy Hutchins will oversee the Gen Room.

NEW Books at City Island Gen Room**VCGS Book Committee purchased and donated**

Guide to Naturalization of the United States Christina Schaefer
Places Near the Mountains Helen Prillaman
Grant County (WI) Gen Society Surname Index Vol. - 1 & II
Marriages for Grant County WI. 1901—1914 Index Book 4
Marriages for Grant County WI. 1914—1932 Index Book 5A

Books donated by Kay Stanton

We Came From Many Nations 1948-1998 J Hillhouse
SAGS Ancient City Genealogist Nov 2008 Vol. - XIX Issue 4
SAGS Ancient City Genealogist Aug 2008 Vol.-XIX Issue 3

These books are currently being indexed and will be in the Library soon.

Helpful Hints: Land Records

Ruth Patrignani

Perhaps the most overlooked records in your genealogical research are land records. Typically, land records are the earliest records kept. Much can be gleaned from these records including relationships of individuals names, approximate relocation dates, and family worth. A majority of people owned land, even if only a small lot. Therefore, there should be some kind of record on file.

When looking for land records check both the grantee (buyer) and grantor (seller) indexes. This is fairly easy if there is one buyer and one seller. However, if say John Smith left his six children land, only one child's name would be listed even though the other five would be mentioned in the deed. Therefore, check all deeds with the same last name especially if it is around the time John Smith died. It is also possible that the person listed is the married daughter and therefore would have a different name. These records can give you the names of all the living children and sometimes the grandchildren names if a child was deceased. In some cases these records may be the only place where you will find the first name of the wife. This is known as the dower right and her husband could not sell land without her consent. She would be interviewed privately to agree to relinquish her dower rights.

Some counties also have a tract index. This was created to help abstractors document a clear chain of title from first owner until the abstract was created. You would need to know the specific tract of land that your ancestor owned. The tract index has separate set of pages for a section or ¼ section of land (rural properties) or for a specific lot (cities, towns).

State land states include the 13 original colonies (Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Virginia) plus the five states formed from the territories of those colonies (Maine, Vermont, Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia), and Texas and Hawaii. The land in these states was surveyed in metes and bounds.

The other thirty states were called the public land states and divided into sections, townships and range with each section containing 640 acres. The sections were then divided into ½ sections (320 acres), ¼ sections (160 acres), ½ quarter section (80 acres) or ¼ quarter (40 acres) section.

The Bureau of Land Management website (www.glorerecords.blm.gov) offers land patents online for the public land states. Remember when you put in a name to search try different spellings!!!

Volusia Gen Web Project -
Volusia County Gen Web
Flagler County Gen Web

NEW WEB Links for Volusia and Flagler

<http://www.volusiagenealogy.net/>

<http://www.volusiagenealogy.net/Flagler/flagler.html>

2011 V-FCGS Bi Annual Seminar will be hosted by HGS and was reported HGS has formed up a committee and are getting organized.

FGS Florida Genealogical Society - The Florida Genealogical Society (Tampa) has been advertising its annual Fall Seminar for some time. For more information please click on following link: [2009-FGS-Seminar-Registration-Form.pdf](#)

Volunteers to Bring Historic Sweden Church Records Online

400 million names included in largest indexing effort to-date

FALKÖPING, Sweden—[FamilySearch](#) and Svensk Arkivinformation (SVAR), a division of the National Archives of Sweden, announced today the launch of the largest online indexing initiative undertaken to-date. The two groups unveiled plans to engage Swedish volunteers throughout the world to help create a highly searchable, free online index to the historic parish registers of Sweden—200 years of recorded Swedish history as documented in the Sweden church records—comprising over 400 million names.

In 1608 the Archbishop of Sweden asked the clergy to begin making records of births, christenings, marriages, and burials of all the residents of Sweden. By 1686, they were conducting regular examinations of the population of each parish. The church records (often called “parish registers” or “church books”) span over two centuries and chronicle the vital life events of an estimated 418 million people who moved in and out of parishes in Sweden.

“The church records are a key source for genealogists seeking Swedish ancestors because nearly everyone who lived in Sweden was recorded in a church record,” said David Rencher, FamilySearch chief genealogical officer. “The challenge now is to make those records, which are written in Swedish, available to researchers worldwide,” concluded Rencher.

“We are very pleased with the excellent cooperation we have enjoyed for many years between FamilySearch and the National Archives to microfilm and scan the Swedish church records. Now we are going to create an index that will revolutionize the genealogy research in Sweden. The simplicity of finding and reading about one’s ancestors on the Web in the millions of scanned records will attract many beginners of all ages,” said Anders Nordström, director of SVAR. “To the academic researcher, this is an entirely new means. It makes it possible to do research within disciplines on a micro level, an extent that was never possible before now,” added Nordström.

The way Swedes passed on a family name throughout the centuries is another reason why the indexing initiative is so important to family historians. “Imagine being in a Swedish community 200 years ago and 10 out of 100 people have the same first and last name as you. That’s how small the naming pool was in Scandinavia,” said Jeff Svare, FamilySearch Scandinavian collection management specialist.

If you were Anders Andersson, your father could have been Anders. Your brother could have also been named Anders, as well as your uncle. To help distinguish which Anders Andersson you were referring to at the time, locals added the name of the farm (residence) of an individual to keep them straight. “Otherwise, when you’re trying to search for Anders Andersson today, your ancestor falls into the proverbial fog of same-named people and you don’t know who they are without the additional context,” added Svare. The FamilySearch index will include the residence or farm name from the individual’s vital record. This information has been extracted to assist patrons in identifying their Swedish ancestor.

The goal is to engage the Swedish community in creating a highly searchable, free online index to the Sweden church records. When complete, the index will be the single largest point of access to information contained in the historic parish registers of Sweden. The free index will link to images of the original records hosted by the [National Archives of Sweden](#) (SVAR). In addition to the free public index that will be made available, SVAR might charge a nominal fee for public patrons who want to view or print the images.

FamilySearch is the global leader of online indexing. It launched its online indexing program in 2008, and tens of thousands of volunteers recently helped reach another major milestone by indexing their 250 millionth name. FamilySearch currently has 65 online indexing projects underway.

For this project, FamilySearch will create digital images of the Sweden church records provided by SVAR. Volunteers worldwide will then use FamilySearch’s Web-based [indexing tool](#) to view the digital images and extract only the desired information from the image. That data will then be processed and published online in searchable indexes linked to the digital images.

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Volunteers need only Internet access and the ability to read Swedish to contribute to this historic effort. A unique quality control process ensures a highly accurate, finished index. Each document is transcribed by two different indexers, wherever they are in the world. Any discrepancies in their two extractions are then forwarded to a third volunteer—an arbitrator—who makes any needed corrections between the two interpretations.

The project will start with records from Örebro, Uppsala, and Södermanland counties. Indexing will begin with the earliest year available for each parish and continue through 1860. A typical downloaded “batch” (group of records) will take a volunteer about 30 to 40 minutes to complete. The indexing utility has built-in tutorials and helps. Anyone interested in volunteering for the Sweden Church Records project can do so at indexing.familysearch.org.

ABOUT FAMILYSEARCH

FamilySearch International is the largest genealogy organization in the world. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch has been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. FamilySearch is a nonprofit organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources free online at FamilySearch.org or through over 4,600 family history centers in 132 countries, including the renowned Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF SWEDEN

The National Archives (www.statensarkiv.se) and the regional state archives supervise all public records of the agencies of the central government, as well as regional and local authorities in Sweden. The Military Archives and the Research Center SVAR (Swedish Archive Information) are part of the National Archives. SVAR provides research facilities, produces and distributes microfiche, and provides scanned and digitalized records on the Web www.svar.ra.se

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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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

Check new books at City Island Gen Room online at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flvcgs/index.htm