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Next VCGS meeting will be **Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009 at 6pm** in the auditorium of the City Island Library, 105 E. Magnolia Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL. [Directions and Map](#) Visitors welcome.

First **2010 Election** Chair Eileen Taft will present Election Slate for membership vote :

President - Michael Williams

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Note Director #1 Barbara Ochs term ends 2010 and Dir #2 David Farris term ends 2011. Directors serve 3 year rotating terms.

A special Thanks to Eileen Taft 2010 Election Chair and to all that will serve the Society in 2010.

After Election we have a **Members Round Table Discussion** to share an interesting ancestor, research tip or to ask a question for help followed by refreshments.

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Last month at our regular meeting was Harlan Hutchins, a local author and historian, who spoke on George Alden. Major Alden was from Massachusetts and was a local character of New Smyrna. He was an 8th generation descendant of John Alden. He served with the Union Army in the Panhandle at the raid on Marianna. Alden served as Secretary for the State of Florida in 1868, was Superintendent of Public Instruction and Secretary of the Board of Education for Volusia County, was a Justice of the Peace, a Federal Land Agent and Deputy Collector, and an orange grower among other things. Mr. Hutchins described incidents involving Alden while he served in these various capacities and the mystery surrounding where the man is actually buried.

VCGS Society Calendar

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 and Officer Installation

Thursday Jan 21, 5pm Board meeting
6pm Speaker TBA



Nov 11- Veterans Day
Nov 26 - Thanksgiving Day
Fly your Flag !

VCGS BOOK COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Book Committee met on October 7th selecting the following books to purchase:

“The German Correspondent: Translation and transcription of Marriages, Deaths and Selected Articles of Genealogical Interest, 1879-1883” (2 vol.),

“The Georgia Black Book, Volume #2”,
“Marriages for Grant County, Wisconsin, Indexes 4, 5A, 5B, 5C, 6A, 6B”,

“Abstract of Land Grant Surveys of Augusta and Rockingham Counties, Virginia”, “Early West Virginia Settlers, 1900s-1900s”,

“References to English Surnames in 1601 and 1602”, and “Albemarle Parish Vestry Book 1742-1786” for a total of \$373.99.

On Oct 15, 2009 the VCGS Board approved the purchase. The order has been placed and when received will be indexed into City Island Gen Room and will be announced in this NL.

Computer TIP

**Back up your data on your computer.
Never know when it will come in handy.**

Volusia -Flagler Sister Societies

HGS Ormond Next Meeting Nov 12, 1:30pm
Lee Folino - When You Can't Find Them in Ellis Island Records

R&B DeLand Library, Nov 22, 2pm - Rev. Dr. A. Dale Stewart - Ancestors massacred and captured by Indians in Pennsylvania in 1757.

GSSVC NSB Library, Nov 9, 5pm TBA

GSFC Palm Coast Flagler Library - Nov 19, 5:30pm
Bill Meister - Crossing the Pond...how I did it..tips and techniques that will help you do it too."

VCGS as of Nov 1, 2009

Membership 72 See page 6

70 Regular Paid Members
and 1 Honorary Member
and 1 Lifetime Member.

Treasurer Report \$1,077.67

**2010 DUES Now Payable
Due before Jan 1, 2010**

Annual dues \$10 single / \$15 Family.

Pay Treasurer at meeting or mail to:

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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 .

New Indexed Books to City Island Genealogy Room

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FAM	929.2Foster.	Foster Family of Broome Co NY and Associated Families, Seward, Stillwell and Hill	John Woodard
FAM	929.2Bradley	Sam Bradley Chronicles	Joe E Bradley
FAM	929.2Jordan	Some Decendants of Samuel Jordan	Fred R. Langford
FL	975.9Spe	Spears Madison Co Book	Elmer Spears
FL	975.922GRE	Floridas Forgotten Pioneer:The Gallent Melton Haynes	Bobby Granier
FL	975.922GRE	Woodlea: Life on he Lake of the Dancing Sunbeams	Bobby Granier
FL	975.92509ROB	Kissimmee 125 Yrs of its People and Progress	Jim Robison
FL Rare	582.16WES	The Native Trees of Florida	West and Arnold
FLA	975.921S	Two Early American Doctors	Sikes and Sammons
FLA	312.cro	1994 Cross Reference Directory Greater Daytona .Volusia and Flagler Co's	City Publishing
GA	975.8TRA	Georgia Lodge of Research - Transactions Vol- XIV	Donald R. McKinney
MA	974.4SNY	Old Houses Granby Mass.	Esther Gallop Snyder
NatInd	970.3CHE	Eastern Cherokee Blood 1906-1910 Vol-XI Applications 38,216-42,265	Jeff Bolden
PA	974.8WEI	Warrants and Surveys of the Province of PA including 3 Lower Counties 1759	
	9771.SMI	Federal Land Series VOL- 1 1788-1810	Cliffard Neal Smith

Check new books at City Island Gen Room online at

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flvcgs/newbookscityisland2009.htm>

Library Book Indexing Cat System Project was proposed at the Oct 7 Book Committee meeting by City Island Head Librarian Brook White. The Project involves a vast collection of materials that have accumulated in the employee workroom. After observing the collection of a few hundred GEN books and assorted research manuscript papers. It was decided that much of the material should either be made available in the genealogy room, sent to another genealogy library in the county (Deland or New Smyrna Beach), or sold to interested parties. All items must be researched (Cat# ID) before a decision is made. Currently Diana Tonge, David Farris, John Woodard, Jim and Carol Nichols are helping VCGS V- P and Library Chair Ivey Bedell with the research. Anyone interested in doing catalog research **please contact: Ivey Bedell at bedelli@bellsouth.net**

A HUGE THANK YOU to all that participate in this Vo Co Library CatSys ID process, that will result in the indexing of dozens of Gen books that will end up on the shelf in the Gen Room where researchers to locate, and come and use them,

PRESS RELEASE SPEAR LIBRARY - HUXFORD

Elmer's Genealogy Library in Madison, Florida, established by Elmer C. Spear will be merging with the Huxford Genealogical Library in Homerville, Georgia early in 2010. This merger has already been approved by the Board of Directors of both libraries, and the transfer of over 30,000 books will start taking place as soon as the City of Homerville completes the renovation of the building that will house the combined libraries. This decision to merge Elmer's Library with the Huxford Library was made to ensure the survival of the Elmer's Genealogy Library collection into the future. The new library will be named the Folks Huxford and Elmer Spear Genealogical Library to honor the two men who spent a lifetime accumulating this treasure of genealogical information. For more information go to <http://www.elmerslibrary.com/>

Helpful Hints - Passports

by: Ruth Patrignani

Passports may be a hidden treasure for genealogists. The term passport may have been derived from a medieval document that was required allowing a person permission to enter or “pass through the gates” of a city. These documents were used mainly for travel on land from city to city, not on the seas. During the reign of Henry V in 1414, a person would carry a “safe conduct” document allowing them to move about the country without harm.

The department of State has issued passports to American citizens traveling abroad since 1789. While 95% of mid 19th century applicants were men, their families, if traveling with them, would be listed under their application. If a woman was traveling with her children, the children would be listed under her application. Therefore, one passport would be issued for each group.

In 1920, the League of Nations set up guidelines for passports while standardization of passports started in 1980. Passports were valid for 2 years or less so there may be many applications for a person as they traveled back and forth across the ocean. You may want to check many years as travel abroad was fairly common.

A United States citizen did not need a passport until 1941 although there were a few exceptions. They were required from August 19, 1861 until March 17, 1862 and from May 22 1918 until the formal termination of WWI in 1921 by treaties. An attached photo has been required since December 21, 1914.

The information found on a passport application includes: date of birth; place of birth; the physical description of the person including height; description of forehead; eye color; description of the nose, mouth, and chin; hair color; complexion and face shape; occupation; foreign destination; and naturalization.

The indexes and applications are on microfilm at the National Archives. The rolls are listed at the NARA.gov sight. It might be time well spent if you have an idea that a member of your family travel abroad.

Happy hunting!

Nottinghamshire England Records Look ups 1500 to 1900

VCGS Member David Sheppard has records for Nottinghamshire England from the year 1500 to 1900 including Births, Burial and Marriage. David will assist anyone in the society if they drop him an email note David will be at our Meeting Thursday Nov 19 and now volunteers Thursday Mornings in the Gen Room. Email David Sheppard Sr at dsheppsr@verizon.net

Hot Tips on How to Use Google for Genealogy Searches

Google is the number one search engine for genealogy searches. Most people use Google to find websites. However, Google can also be used to search through indexes for people and thus it is an ideal tool for genealogists wanting to track down their ancestors.

To read more about Google at Genealogy In Time click on following link :

http://www.genealogyintime.com/GenealogyResources/Articles/hot_tips_on_how_to_use_google_for_genealogy_searches_page1.html

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. 20 Arms and legs are "limbs," therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, "Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg."



As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October)! Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term "big wig." Today we often use the term "here comes the Big Wig" because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.



In the late 1700s, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The "head of the household" always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the "chair man." Today in business, we use the expression or title "Chairman" or "Chairman of the Board."

Submitted by S Kelley, Perth Andover NB CA.

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Just click on the blue links to go to the documents online at the VCGS website

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