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**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR !**

Next VCGS meeting will be December 17, 2009 at 6pm
in the auditorium of the City Island Library, 105 E. Magnolia Avenue,
Daytona Beach, FL. [Directions and Map](#) Visitors always welcome.

First we will have installation of 2010 Officers Elected at the November 19th meeting followed by our **Annual Christmas Social**. **Everyone please bring a favorite treat to share.** Alma hinted the traditional Edwin Ubbens Punchbowls will be full and rumors of Speckled Perch and Southren Tater Salad are going about. So, bring yourselves, a friend and a favorite treat. *(See page 6 for Nov Round Table report by Kitty)*

A few words from our New Refreshment Chair Carol Nichols

Hi I am Carol Nichols and I will be the new Refreshment Chair. If you would like to be on the committee, please tell a Board member or me. I will need a backup for when I am unable to make the meetings. My e mail is cnichols1764@yahoo.com. My home phone is 736-1550. I also would like the names of people that are bringing snacks so we can balance how many we have. Don't forget we will need deserts for our diabetics.

You don't need to be on the committee to bring snacks. So if you have a favorite snack or desert call or email when you are going to bring it. Part of the fun is the social and eating after the meeting.
Carol Nichols

2010 DUES Now Payable Due in December

Annual dues \$10 single / \$15 Family. Pay Treasurer at meeting or mail to:
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If you would like to receive the VCGS NL in colour printed format via USPS in 2010, Please pay \$6.00. to Treasurer Tom Peake by Dec. 2009

VCSS Society Calendar

Thursday Dec. 17, 5pm Board meeting
6pm 2010 Officer Installation and Christmas
Social . Please bring a treat.

Thursday Jan. 21, 5pm Board meeting
6pm Speaker C. Ann Staley, CG, CGL
Program 'Genealogical Research and the Internet'

Thursday Feb. 18 5pm Board meeting
Program TBA



Dec 7 National Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

Welcome New Members**Norman J. Zimmer**

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See [DeLand Beacon](#) Article of

Sherwin's Search @
<http://www.beacononlinenews.com/news/daily/2092>

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at
the grocery store but she couldn't find one big
enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, 'Do
these turkeys get any bigger?'

The stock boy replied, 'No ma'am, they're dead.'

Volusia -Flagler Sister Societies

HGS Ormond Library Dec 10, 1:30pm Barbara
Cooper Jennings will share "Trip experience to
Slovakia"

R&B DeLand Library, Dec 20 2pm - Christ-
mas social and installation of board members.

GSSVC NSB Library, Dec.14, 5pm TBA

GSFC Palm Coast Flagler Library - Dec 17,
5:30pm Short Business meeting followed by
Christmas Party.

VCSS as of Dec 1, 2009**Membership 74**

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

Treasurer Report \$1,077.67

Computer TIP

**If you need some help with computers
visit Jim Nichols on Friday morning in
City Island Gen Room.**

2010 Society Registry

A new VCGS 2010 Society Directory will be
printed after January to include all paid members.
Please update your info including your research
surnames and areas and email to
VCGS@cfl.rr.com

New Vertical Files in Gen Room

Minor Family of Virginia

Kellem/Killem Family NY, PA, MA&CT

Shaw Family Ormond Bch, FL and WV

Cumberland Co. PA Marriages 1671-1817

Lancaster Co. PA Marriages 1753-1854

Maryland Rev War Records

The History of 'APRONS'

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The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, because she only had a few, it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and they used less material, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.



When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.

And when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

Send this to those who would know (and love) the story about Grandma's aprons.

REMEMBER: Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw. They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron. I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron.



VCGS Members Win Ribbon at Volusia Co. Fair

Sweet P (*The Potato was so large it deserved a name*) was dug up on Oct. 17th at a sweet potato harvest party hosted by Jim and Carol Nichols. Thirty people attended the harvest, ages 12-90. There was a fish fry before the digging and dessert after. Sweet P was the first sweet potato Naomi Nichols dug up. It weighed 10 pounds and Naomi won our prize (a bottle of wine) for digging the biggest potato.

Naomi and Jim (her husband) were so excited they entered "Sweet P" into the Volusia County Fair. Sweet P won a ribbon for the largest vegetable in the adult group and best in show.

Half of Sweet P was enjoyed in a sweet potato dish at Thanksgiving.

Carol and Jim Nichols



To learn more about Sweet Potato's visit : http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sweet_potato

Helpful Hints – Funeral Home Records

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By Ruth Patrignani

Perhaps an overlooked source for genealogical information, funeral home records can contain much data and clues to continue your search of family lines. A funeral home director is the person responsible for filing the death certificate obtaining information from an informant. The name, address, and often the relationship to the deceased of the “informant” will be entered on the death certificate. A word of caution – this person might not know all the facts or give them correctly especially if they are under duress.

The death certificate file would include information about the deceased including full name, date and place of death, date and place of birth, marital status at the time of death, name of spouse (if living), name of father, full maiden name of mother, place of residence at time of death, occupation, whether the person had military service and name and location of the cemetery where interment is to take place. Sometimes the birthplace of the parents is included.

Because the funeral director is also responsible for placing obituaries in newspapers other information in the file would include a list of surviving immediate relatives including spouse, children, parents, and brothers and sisters. Church affiliation, education, occupation, military service, membership in organizations, honors etc could also be mentioned. A list of newspapers in which the obituary appeared would be included, too.

It may take a little searching to find the correct funeral home. The American Blue Book of Funeral Directors can be found in the library or even at a local funeral home. This lists the funeral homes in all cities in all states. An internet search will help to identify if the funeral home is still in existence. The best way to obtain information is to contact the manager of the funeral home asking for specific info on a specific person. Keep in mind that these records are private records and not all funeral homes are willing to share. With the many changes in ownership, the records were sometimes thrown out or stored in a warehouse exposed to the elements. I have found some funeral home records on the internet.

Although it sounds like a sure way to gather access to wonderful information, keep in mind that all states did not require death certificates until the 1920's. Previous to that time records may only include the charge for the funeral.

Happy hunting!

Thank you Ruth for all your Helpful hints !

Where have all the Indians gone?

From Journal of Genetic Genealogy

Native American Eastern Seaboard Dispersal, Genealogy and DNA in relation to Sir Walter Raleigh's lost Colony of Roanoke <http://www.jogg.info/52/files/Estes1.pdf>

Volusia County Genealogical Society Newsletter

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 .

Over the next 18 months, 1.4 million U.S. Census workers will be surveying the population of the country to gather demographic information about everyone living here. Some consumers report they received a lengthy document labeled, "**The American Community Survey**." As the 2010 census process begins, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) Serving Central Florida advises citizens to cooperate carefully in order to avoid becoming a victim of census-related scams.

Citizens are required by law to respond to the U.S. Census Bureau's requests for information. Census data will be used in allocation of more than \$300 billion in federal funds as well as in determining the number of Congressional representatives that each state is allowed.

"Most people are understandably cautious about giving out personal information to unsolicited phone callers or visitors, but the Census is an exception to the rule," said Judy Pepper, President/CEO of the Central Florida BBB. "Scammers know that the public is more willing to share personal data when participating in the Census, so they take advantage of this opportunity by posing as government workers to get access to personal financial information."

The BBB and local media have gotten calls from citizens who have been approached by census workers, but are uncertain about giving out personal information. The BBB has been in contact with local census officials, who have urged Central Florida residents to call the US Census Bureau at (800) 923-8282 if they have concerns.

The BBB offers the following advice to help distinguish between bona fide Census workers and con artists:

- U.S. Census workers will have identification, a handheld device and a confidentiality notice. Caution: never invite strangers into your home.
- U.S. Census workers will not ask for your Social Security number or any information about bank or credit card accounts.
- U.S. Census workers will not ask you for money or say that you owe money.
- U.S. Census workers will not harass or intimidate you.
- U.S. Census workers will not contact you by email – only by phone, by mail or in person. For information regarding the 2010 Census, visit U.S. Census Bureau online at www.census.gov.

Check for books recently indexed into the City Island History and Genealogy Room
online at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flvcgs/newbookscityisland2009.htm>

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Get to know your Society read the VCGS [Standing Rules](#) and [By-Laws](#)
Just click on the blue links to go to the documents online at the VCGS website

Roundtable Highlights: by Kitty Consalvo

Ed Malo said his parents are from Canada, family was originally from France from St. Malo. Family name was originally not Malo. Severe problems in tracing anyone from Ireland.

Mike Williams is from Georgia and comes from a long line of males that are known by their middle name rather than their first name.

Judy Williams showed a family photo with a face missing. Individual was a child that came through Ellis Island and had Downs Syndrome so was sent back to country of origin.

Ivey Bedell read comical epitaphs from tombstones.

Barbara Ochs told about the rewarding experience of researching ancestors to join DAR.

Ruth Patrignani asked members if they have questions they would like included in her Helpful Hints column to let her know. She is teaching a genealogy class. She also asked if anyone could help her locate Obadiah Campbell, contact her.

Carol Nichols told members not to ignore research on women.

Jim Nichols noted that the 1940 census won't be available until 2012, however Ancestry has taken some information from 1940 city directories which is available now.

Lou Rohe said that his son served in the Gulf War, is currently a state trooper in Kentucky and has become good friends with another fellow he has known from both locations. When doing family research it turned out that this fellow is a distant cousin. He also mentioned that green leaves in research means someone else is also tracking that line.

Dave Shep bought CD's of birth records from Nottinghamshire, England and offered to make them available.

Allie Goodwin talked about her difficulties in locating a family cemetery, the destruction of it, and reconstructing it in her great grandfather's cemetery.

One member is researching Sarah McCurran from Carlisle PA and needs help. He noted that his wife's name is Smith which generated laughter from members.

Bob Bailey talked about using GPS Google Earth to find a cemetery and transfer coordinates to your GPS. Interment.com is also another site to use for cemeteries.

Joyce Bailey noted that her great grandfather was in the Civil War and is in an unmarked grave. She has had an e-mail from a genealogical society in that area and is having the grave marked. Eastman's On Line is a good site, and the DAR is putting a lot of information on line through their Genealogical Records Committee.

Barbara Makant noted that one of her cousins wasn't interested in family background until she found she was related to someone famous. She is trying to find her father's aunt who moved to France prior to World War II and can't get any information from France. Vince Santana told her of an organization in France that represents the underground.

Annette Moore is researching her father's family from Ohio. She has a trunk that belonged to one uncle in the Civil War.

Hal Gauper is doing Norwegian genealogy and has located a cousin in North Dakota who has a quantity of things, some in Norwegian.

Dave Farris is doing research in Wisconsin. He noted various spellings he has encountered in the family name.

Tom Peake's family came to this country in 1866.

Vince Santana has been researching the Kuykendalls from Holland for 40 years. He noted that the family was one of the original settlers of New Netherlands and has always been on the edge of western expansion.

Alma Ubbens has researched 2 great grandfathers and said that this summer her Black relatives had their 100th anniversary, which she and Ed attended.

Ann Malo noted that she has a friend from Richmond whose father is buried in Florida in an unmarked grave. She and Ed put a marker on it. Her patriot was Washington's paymaster who's home still stands "Green's Folly".

Henry Boyd has an old family book. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is one of his ancestors.

John Woodard read a number of things he is thankful for this Thanksgiving relating to VCGS.

Kay Stanton told members not to give up. Don't overlook even the smallest clue.

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