

Volusia County Genealogical Society

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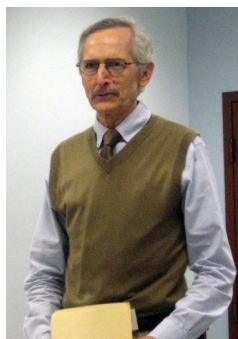
HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Now that 2010 is here, just a few reminders :
Change your batteries in your smoke detectors, remember to write '10 instead of '09 and please back up your computer hard drive data files.

Next VCGS Meeting January 21, 2010 at 6pm

in the auditorium of the City Island Library, 105 E. Magnolia Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL. [Directions and Map](#) Visitors always welcome.
Professional Genealogist **C. Ann Staley, CG, CGL** will speak on
"Genealogical Research and the Internet"

New Sheriff in Town in 2010



Douglas "Michael" Williams became President of VCGS at the December 17 meeting, receiving the VCGS Florida State Charter from outgoing President John Woodard. After a short acceptance speech expressing desire to expand the Society membership, the new Presidents first act was to kick off the Society's Annual Christmas Social. Festive holiday favorites were aplenty with a beautiful gingerbread house, tater and pasta salads, beans, brownies, cookies, finger sandwiches, miniature mince-meat tarts, candies, nuts, rum cake, wraps and Ed Ubbens coveted holiday ice cream punch. Everyone contributed to the event being successful, by sharing a treat. Alma and Ed Ubbens with help of several members made a table fit for the season we celebrated. Many noticeably absent missed out on a great time. The 2010 Board supporting President D. Michael serving the Society will be **Hal Gauper** -Vice President -Program Chair & Parliamentarian, **Kitty Consalvo** - Recording Secretary, **Ruth Patrignani** - Corresponding Secretary & Membership Chair, **Carol Smith** - Archivist, Directors **Barbara Ochs**, **David Farris** and **Cora May Hartzell**, **Ivey Bedell** - Library Chair, **Alma Ubbens** - Refreshments and Past President **John Woodard** who also is the Webmaster and NL editor. See page 3 & 4 for more Info on 2010 Society Officers.

2010 Dues are now **OVERDUE** . By supporting VCGS you continue to support the Genealogy and History Room at City Island.

Don't let this be your last Newsletter.

VCGS Society Calendar

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
6pm Program Caroline Carlisle "DNA"

Thursday March 18 5pm Board meeting
6pm Program TBA

Volusia -Flagler Sister Societies

HGS Ormond Library Jan 14, 1:30pm Paul L. Enchelmayer - The Deceptive Ancestor - Separating Family Fiction From Fact"

R&B DeLand Library, Jan 17, 2pm - Carolyn Carlisle on using DNA

GSSVC NSB Library, Jan 11, 5pm Dr. Lou McNally - "Resurrecting the Weather From Old Diaries"

GSFC Palm Coast Flagler Library - Jan 28, 5:30pm TBA

Ubbens Get Life !



VCGS as of Dec 31, 2010 Jan 1, 2010

Membership 75

72 Regular Paid Members
and 2 Honorary Members
and 3 Lifetime Members.

Treasurer Report \$1,077.67

The VCGS Executive Board was pleased to grant Edwin and Alma Ubbens Life Membership in Volusia County Genealogical Society on December 19, 2009 at City Island Library. The Ubbens, both Charter Members of VCGS have both actively served the Society for 35 years. Alma served as Archivist and Refreshment Chair, and Edwin served as VCGS Treasure, voted Treasurer Emeritus in 2008.

DROP IN THE BUCKET - Watch the short video that shows a drop of water falling into a body of water at 2000 frames a second. You will see something unexpected. Not Gen related but interesting.

<http://www.flixxy.com/water-drop.htm> Just click on link.

Family Tradition

The Smith's were proud of their family tradition. Their ancestors had come to America on the Mayflower. They had included Senators and Wall Street wizards. They decided to compile a family history, a legacy for their children and grandchildren. They hired a fine author. Only one problem arose - how to handle that great-uncle George, who was executed in Texas. The author assured the family he could handle the story as tactfully as possible and was given the go-ahead to write the book. The book appeared. It read "Great-uncle George occupied a chair of applied electronics at an important government institution and was attached to his position by the strongest of ties. His death came as a great shock."

President - Douglas "Michael" Williams hails from Colquitt in Southwest Georgia,. A thirteenth generation American, he has become a teacher of every subject he ever studied or holds a degree in, recently an Associate Professor in Humanities/Social Sciences at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Adjunct Instructor in Communications and Emergency Medical Services at Daytona State. He has been a pilot, a SCUBA Instructor, a Reserve Paramedic/Firefighter, a Reserve Deputy Sheriff, a Guitar Instructor and an Instructor in Astronomy. Currently a working illustrator of children's books, he brings a wealth and range of skills to the Volusia County Genealogical Society from which every member can benefit.

Vice- President / Program Chair and Parliamentarian - Harold "Hal" Gauper - Born 1921 in Fargo, ND, grew up in northern Minnesota and Wisconsin. During college he worked summers in stevedoring and railroad gangs, and sailed on a Great Lakes iron ore carrier. Upon graduating Univ. of Wisconsin in Electrical Engineering he went to work for G.E., Schenectady, NY, in R&D for 42 years until he retired in 1985. In WWII he worked on the MANHATTAN PROJECT. His vast career included military, space, industrial and consumer projects as Nuclear Subs, Missiles and the Lunar Module, development of the lamp dimmer, and computers. This involved developing and writing national and international electrical standards for measurement and control. After moving to Ormond in 1987 with wife Peggy, she died in 1993 one year short of their 50th anniversary. Hal served on Advisory Council to Presidents Nixon and Carter. As a volunteer in GE ELFUN, he helped build HABITAT homes and sets for the Children's Music Theater. He is blessed with two girls, Laurie, a nurse and Lesley and started his genealogy almost by accident in 1997. His grandparents emigrated to the US from Norway with their parents from about 1860 to 1880. The Gaupers settled in S.W. Wisconsin and the Normans settled in W. Minnesota and E. North Dakota. Hal joined VCGS about 1998.



Pictured above 2010 VCGS Board L-R
John Woodard, Tom Peake, Kitty Consalvo,
David Farris, Ruth Patrignani, Hal Gauper,
Cora May Hartzell, D. Michael Williams,
Carol Smith and Ivey Bedell.
Not shown -Alma Ubbens. Edwin Ubbens

Treasurer - Tom Peake has spent the last 30 years in Florida, splitting his activities between Real Estate Salesman, Automobile Dealer, Genealogy, Civil Engineering and still do some work from home for a P.E. and a developer in Orlando. Married in 1965 to VCGS member, Patricia Peake, one daughter living locally is an Attorney. Tom continues to serve the Society as Treasurer, a position in which he also acts as Registered Agent to the State of Florida Corporations for the Society and the signature for the Society USPS PO Box. Assisting Tom is **Treasurer Emeritus Edwin Ubbens** who asks as a second signature for the Society.

Corresponding Secretary, Publicist and Membership Chair - Ruth Patrignani is a retired Home Economics teacher and integrative education aide from Williamsville, New York. Ruth and her husband moved to Florida in 1995. She started working on genealogy 35 years ago. Presently she works part time at the Marine Science Center, volunteers Wednesday morning at the City Island Library Genealogy Room, has taught genealogy courses at the library and is a member of the Sugar Mill Chapter of DAR.

Recording Secretary - Kitty Consalvo moved from the New Jersey shore 8 years ago. Her husband passed away 12 years ago. She has a son in North Carolina and a daughter in Port Orange, 1 grandson and 2 granddaughters. Hobbies are gardening, cooking and genealogy. During tax season she works for H&R Block. Kitty continues a great job in the Office of Recording Secretary.

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Archivist Carol Smith has lived in Volusia County since 1972. Attended St. Joseph's Hospital School of X-Ray Technology in her hometown, Chicago. After working several years as a X-Ray technician, opened a family business in Daytona Bch; Textile Values Draperies, retiring in 2007 after 36 years. In 2000, became fascinated by genealogy. Is a member of NSDAR, Mayflower, Daughters of American Colonist, Daughters of 1812 and President of New England Women, and a Magna Charta Dames. Enjoying assisting others in their genealogy quest Carol has generously co-presented beginning genealogy classes at City Island Library.

Director 1 Term 2008-09-10 Barbara Ochs Completing her third year as director in 2010, Barbara has been a member of VCGS since 2002, when Carroll (also a Member) and she were married, and has served as Vice President. Barbara credits the VCGS organization, with enabling her to trace her family back to 1622, and make her DAR connection. Living in Port Orange for 34 years, she came from Grand Island, NY (which is between Buffalo and Niagara Falls). Her family was primarily from the Hyde Park, NY and Syracuse, NY areas for 5 generations.

Director 2 Term 2009-2010 –2011 David Ferris Born in Milwaukee, WI., David was interested in genealogy at a young age. He Following his parents to South FL in 1989, he later moved to Daytona with his mother in 2007. David's research includes Farris, Armstrong, Dyer and Braudt on his paternal side and Rebek, Albright, Chapuis, and Palzer on his maternal side, mostly in mid-west states of Wisconsin, Minnesota or Michigan. Currently disabled, David has goals of becoming a professional genealogist. He also is a member of the Genealogical Society of Broward County and works on their website. David currently is serving VCGS a second year of a 3 year VCGS directors term and actively participates in the Library Book Committee.

Director 3 Term 2010-2011-2012 Cora May Hartzell grew up in West Virginia and moved to Maryland for 25 yrs before coming to Florida almost 20 yrs ago. Retired but has returned to work for the 2010 Census hoping her participation will contribute to the 2010 census being correct. We have all had to deal with misinformation in census because someone didn't take the time to get all the details (like spelling) right. Cora has been working on genealogy for about 25 years off and on and goes back 11 generations on one side of the family. Most of her research is centered in the West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia regions. Cora volunteers in the City Island Genealogy Room.

Library Book Chair Ivey Bedell Having served as V-P / Program Chair 2008-2009, Ivey continues to serve the Society as Library Chair. Born in North Carolina and raised in Daytona Beach, Ivey say's she has too much "sand in her shoes" to want to live anywhere else. Her degrees from Stetson University led to her career in elementary education, most of it in Volusia County. Always a "book worm", and her last 25 years of work as a Media Specialist makes her perfect position of Library Chairperson.

Refreshment Chair Alma Ubbens - Alma Ubbens has always served the Society rolling her sleeves up to make things happen retires from 35 Years as Archivist, and has agreed to continue acting as Refreshment Chair until someone steps up and take over. Alma and Edwin are Charter Life Members of VCGS having continuously served the Society. All this editor can say is "God Bless Alma" VCGS is lucky to have her.

Please someone that is able please offer to take the job of Refreshment Chair and give Alma a break. She has done more than her share for us. We also need refreshment committee members to assist that can also stand in when the refreshment chair is not able to attend. THANK YOU ALMA

Immediate Past President 2007-2009 /NL Editor / Webmaster John Woodard Chief Marine Engineer, USMM Retired. Just trying to preserve the 35 year legacy VCGS has primarily supporting the Gen Room now in City Island Library. It is just too good to allow it to fade away. Thank you all for supporting VCGS so it can continue to support our Genealogy and the Local History and Genealogy Room at City Island.

Recently Indexed Books in Gen Room City Island Library

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CENSUS	317.GA1850	Thomas Co. GA 1850 Census with Index	
ENG	929.4HAS	History Through Surnames	Hassall
ENG	942BUR	Burkes Landed Gentry	Burke
FAM	929.2KELLY	Kelly's of Lowndes and Their Cousins	Woodrow W. Kelly
FAM	929.2Benny	Bennyhoff Histories / Crumb, Geist	Bennyhoff
FAM	975.2KING	The Kings Footprints	Jill King Lyles
FL	917.59FLO	Florida our Past Our Future - Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan	FL Archives
FL	975-985SPE	Cherry Lake Farms - Madison Co. FL	Elmer Spears
FL Rare	975.921DAY	Daytona Beach Area Report Featuring all Volusia Co.	
HOW	929.1SCH	Guide to Naturalization	
HOW	929.1025SMI	Ancestry Family Historians Address Book	Juliana Smith
HOW	929.103EVA	The New A to Zax	B J Evans
KY	776.9KEN	Kentucky Marriage Records	Ky. Hist. Soc.
KY	975.592KAY	Abstract of Land Grant Surveys 1761 - 1791 Augusta & Rockingham Co. VA	Peter Cline Kaylor
Library	026.929WAR	Your Guide to the Family History Library	LDS
Mil	973.34GRU	Forgotten Patriots - African American & American Indian Patriots in Rev War	NSDAR
Nat Ind	970.1WAR	Political History of Cherokee Nation 1838-1907	Morris L Wardell
NC	975.6KEN	Caswell CO. N.C. Marriage Bonds 1778-1868	Katharine K Kendall
NC	975.6WAL	Davie Co. A Breif History	James W. Wall
NC	975.6SUR	Surry Co. NC Wills 1771 - 1827	Jo White Linn
SC	975.78SAV	River of the Carolinas: The Santee	Savage
SC	975.7SER	Sermons in Stone Vol-1 SC Cemeteries	Three Rivers Hist Soc.
SC	975.7SMI	The Call to Arms	Danny H. Smith
SC	975.7AND	History Of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church Lydia SC 1789-1989	John L Andrews Jr.
VA	975.5PRI	Places Near the Mountains	Helen R. Prillaman
WI	977.5GRA	Grant Co. WI Surname Index 1989 - 1993 Vol 1	GCGS
WI	977.5GRA	Grant Co. WI Surname Index 1976 - 1989 Vol 2	GCGS
WI	977.5GRA	Grant Co Marriage Index Book 4	GCGS
WI	977.5GRA	Grant Co Marriage 1901 - 1914 Index Book 4	GCGS
WI	977.5GRA	Grant Co Marriage 1914 - 1932 Index Book 5A	GCGS
WI	977.5GRA	Grant Co Marriage 1933-1954 Index Book 5B	GCGS
WI	977.5GRA	Grant Co Marriage 1955 - 1968 Index Book 5C	GCGS
WI	977.5GRA	Grant Co Marriage 1969 - 1977 Index Book 6A	GCGS
WI	977.5GRA	Grant Co Marriage 1978 - 1987 Index Book 6B	GCGS
WI	977.5GRA	Grant Co Marriage 1988 - 1999 Index Book 6C	GCGS

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

Volusia Gen Web Project <http://www.volusiagenealogy.net/>

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

By Ruth Patrignani

If you have been fortunate to have in your possession or have seen a baptismal fraktur then you are well aware of the wealth of information it contains plus the beauty of the artwork.

Fraktur is a folk art form used by the Germans in southeastern Pennsylvania during the last half of the 18th century and first half of the 19th century. The term fraktur is derived from the distinctive German script marked by “fractured” pen strokes. It has its roots in European folk culture.

Fraktur style was used for Geburts und Taufascheins (birth and baptismal certificates), marriage certificates as well as, haus segen (house blessings) and bookplates. These Pennsylvania Deutsch prided themselves with their homes and considered a haus segen as a good luck charm, hanging it on a prominent wall in their home.

Early artists were usually school masters. They used pen and ink and then embellished the frakturs with vivid colors. Tulips, hearts, and birds were among the popular items drawn.

Geburts und Taufascheins can provide genealogical information, if you are able to translate the words! Often times the Taufschein names the child, the father, the mother using her maiden name, date and place of birth, name and denomination of the officiating clergy, and names of the witnesses. Definitely information that you might be looking for.



Fraktur for Barbara Bieri
born 31 Mar 1817

Due to the wonderful artwork these have become prized by collectors resulting in pictures in catalogs. This might be worth checking out to see if you can find one of your descendants.

Happy hunting!

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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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