

# Volusia County Genealogical Society

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**Next VCGS Meeting** will be the Summer Social

**Everyone Please bring a favorite treat or dish to share.**

**June 17, 2010 6pm Auditorium City Island Library Daytona**

**No meetings July or August . Back in September**

**May Meeting** From the Minutes of the Society *by Kitty Consalvo*

**Program** for the May 20 meeting was a video on the Revolutionary War by Dr. George Schweitzer. Dr. Schweitzer was his usual humorous self, remarking that the British stole from the farmers, but we went in and appropriated stuff; and the opposite of Congress is Progress. He noted that there were 3 segments of the population – the Loyalists who stuck with the King, the Rebels who were flag burners, and 1/3 were true Americans who went whichever way the wind was blowing. There were 3 wars – the one along the coast, one in the middle country fighting the Loyalists, and one on the frontier fighting the Indians. He noted that the British lost every one of them. The English tried to split the colonies by coming down from Canada but we drove them back to Canada. The uniforms were different in each colony. Each county made up militia uniforms for their county.

He talked about various sources for locating information and what you need to know. Militiamen in states got bounty lands in Pennsylvania in the north-west part of the state. You can write to the state archives as the militia records are only in the state archives. Usually pay rolls are available. Also pension records and service records might give the birthplace. Other sources are genealogy rooms and the DAR.

**Seminar Representative:** V-P Hal Gauper announced that the Society needs a volunteer to serve on the committee for the next Volusia/Flagler seminar to be held in January. The representative will act as a Liaison between the VCG Society and the Seminar Committee.

**New Business:** Hal announced that we need a new Newsletter editor as of September. The June issue will be John Woodard's last issue. Hal asked for volunteers. The newsletter keeps us informed as to what is going on.

The Society requested someone to serve as Refreshment Chair to develop a committee. New Member Nancy Wills has graciously accepted. Lets all please give her a hand by responding to bringing an occasional treat so we can keep the refreshment social going after the programs. Please Thank Alma and Edwin Ubbens who have done this for years.

**VCS Society Calendar**

**Thursday June 17** 5pm Board meeting  
6pm Program Summer Social Please bring food.

**No Meetings July or August**

**See you in September !**

**Thursday Sept. 16** 5pm Board meeting  
6pm Program Members Round Table

**Volusia -Flagler Sister Societies**

**HGS Ormond Library** No Meetings until Sept.  
**R&B DeLand Library**, June 20, Larry Cain of  
DeLand FHC (LDS) - New Family Search system.  
**GSSVC NSB Library**, June 14 , 5pm Kathy  
Hennigan on "King Phillip's War"  
**GSFC Palm Coast Flagler Library** - June 24,  
5:30pm Program TBA

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**\$\$ Report by Treasurer Tom Peake \$\$**

April Balance \$1,107.42 , NO Receipts in May, May Expense \$40.00, **Beginning Balance June \$1067.42**

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**Helpful Hints - Summer Research**

By Ruth Patrignani

As promised in last month's article I will try to give you some useful tips for your summer research. Many of you will be heading to points north for the summer and will try to squeeze in some research along the way. Do your homework before you leave home.

Most important is to check online what repository holds the records that you are looking for, the office hours of the court house or other archives that you will be visiting, and the location. Some close for lunch or allow researchers in for only certain hours of the day. Some places only allow you to take in one sheet of paper and a pencil, no pens. Others are very user friendly and will go out of their way to help you.

Carry loose change and a lot of singles in cash. Most court houses won't accept credit cards and often times don't have a lot of change on hand. Cost of copies varies from county to county. Best to check before you start copying as your bill might be too high!

Take a collection of maps with you or copy local maps at the local library or genealogical society. This will help you find the cemeteries a whole lot easier! Make sure you have your camera with you at all times and take along extra batteries, film, or power cords depending on your camera. A roll of freezer paper, some tape, and crayon or pencils can be included in your carry-on to take rubbings of those old tombstones.

Have your family information with you in some easy to read form. Ancestral charts or fan charts are easy to read but they only cover the straight line descendency. Carry a small notebook with you with all your research questions easily available. Check records for all family names.

Lastly, you might want to find a hotel near the places you are going to do research. That way you don't have to spend a lot of time trying to find a place to park or pay for parking. Take your meals at local eateries. Depending on the area, the locals can give you a lot of information on different families in the area or they may even be related to you!!

Happy Hunting ....have a nice summer and see you in September.

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RECORD OF	
Total No. <i>4</i>	Yearly No. <i>31</i>
Name of Deceased <i>Robert E Cook</i>	
Wife— <i>Maggie J Cook</i>	
Daughter of <i>"County"</i>	
Charge to <i>"County"</i>	
Address <i>"County"</i>	
Order Given by <i>Mrs Cook</i>	
How Secured	
Date of Funeral	
Residence	
Place of Death <i>Halifax Hosp</i>	
Funeral Services at <i>Lyons Ga</i>	
Time of Funeral Service	
Clergyman	
His Address	
Certifying Physician <i>Dr Raymond Howard</i>	
His Residence <i>Daytona</i>	
Cause of Death <i>Adiphenic Dissem</i>	
(Primary)	
Cause of Death	
Date of Death <i>Sept 20 11:45 PM</i>	
Occupation of the Deceased <i>Truck Driver</i>	
Employed	
Single or Married <i>Married</i>	
Date of Birth <i>4 Feb 1893</i>	
Age <i>38</i> Years <i>7</i> Months <i>5</i> Days	
Name of Father <i>J E Cook</i>	
His Birthplace <i>North Carolina</i>	
Name of Mother	
(Maiden Name)	
Her Birthplace	
Body to be Shipped to <i>Lyons Ga</i>	
Size and Style of Casket	
Manufactured by	
Interment at	
Cemetery	
Shipped <i>Sept 22</i>	
Auto	
Lot No.	
Grave No.	
Section No.	
Tot	

## Preponderance of Evidence or Assuming

While photographing old Daytona Funeral home records, we came across a good example of why researchers need to be careful with information online and data from others including information on a headstone.

It is understandably routine that most head stones are assumed to in the general area a death took place.

The 1931 funeral record of Robert Cook on left shows he died in Daytona and his remains were shipped Sept 22. for Funeral in Lyons Ga.

An apparently well compiled family tree published on line (portion- lower right text box) shows Robert as dying in Tattnall County, Ga. Even though we can now see from the funeral record that he died in Halifax Hospital Daytona Beach, Florida. Wife Maggie Cook is buried in Daytona Memorial.

I share this item because authors have used the phrase "Preponderance of Evidence" to defend undocumented genealogical data they published about my own ancestors, even in cases where family folk lore contradicted the author.

A good lesson for us all to keep in mind.

[http://www.volusiagenealogy.net/Bellevue\\_Cemetery/C.htm](http://www.volusiagenealogy.net/Bellevue_Cemetery/C.htm)

COOK, Rosa C., b. 1917 d. 1995 Daughter  
COOK, Maggie J., b. 1894 d. 1984 Mother

Maggie John Lindsay<sup>34</sup>, born 04 March 1894 in York County, South Carolina<sup>35</sup>; died January 1984 in Florida<sup>35</sup>; married Robert E Cook 04 July 1915 in Tattnall County, Georgia; born 18 February 1892 in North Carolina; died 20 September 1931 in Tattnall County, Georgia.

[More About Robert E Cook:](#)

Volusia Genealogy [www.volusiagenealogy.net](http://www.volusiagenealogy.net)

Volusia Funeral Records

[www.volusiagenealogy.net/Funeral\\_Homes/volusia\\_funeral\\_homes.htm](http://www.volusiagenealogy.net/Funeral_Homes/volusia_funeral_homes.htm)

**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.

**Read This Slowly and Have a safe Summer— Not Genealogically related but a really good story.**

Jack took a long look at his speedometer before slowing down: 73 in a 55 zone. Fourth time in as many months.. How could a guy get caught so often?

When his car had slowed to 10 miles an hour, Jack pulled over, but only partially. Let the cop worry about the potential traffic hazard. Maybe some other car will tweak his backside with a mirror. The cop was stepping out of his car, The big pad in hand..

Bob? Bob from Church? Jack sunk farther into his trench coat. This was worse than the coming ticket. A cop catching a guy from his own church. A guy who happened to be a little eager to get home after a long day at the office. A guy he was about to play golf with tomorrow..

Jumping out of the car, he approached a man he saw every Sunday, a man he'd never seen in uniform.

'Hi, Bob. Fancy meeting you like this.' 'Hello, Jack.' No smile.  
'Guess you caught me red-handed in a rush to see my wife and kids.'

'Yeah, I guess.' Bob seemed uncertain. Good.  
'I've seen some long days at the office lately. I'm afraid I bent the rules a bit -just this once.'

Jack toed at a pebble on the pavement. 'Diane said something about roast beef and potatoes tonight. Know what I mean?'

'I know what you mean. I also know that you have a reputation in our precinct ...' Ouch. This was not going in the right direction. Time to change tactics.

'What'd you clock me at?' 'Seventy. Would you sit back in your car please?' 'Now wait a minute here, Bob. I checked as soon as I saw you. I was barely nudging 65.' The lie seemed to come easier with every ticket.

'Please, Jack, in the car'. Flustered, Jack hunched himself through the still-open door. Slamming it shut, he stared at the dashboard. He was in no rush to open the window.

The minutes ticked by. Bob scribbled away on the pad.. Why hadn't he asked for a driver's license?

Whatever the reason, It would be a month of Sundays before Jack ever sat near this cop again.

A tap on the door jerked his head to the left. There was Bob, a folded paper in hand Jack rolled down the window a mere two inches, just enough room for Bob to pass him the slip.

'Thanks..' Jack could not quite keep the sneer out of his voice.

Bob returned to his police car without a word. Jack watched his retreat in the mirror. Jack unfolded the sheet of paper. How much was this one going to cost? Wait a minute. What was this? Some kind of joke?

Certainly not a ticket. Jack began to read: 'Dear Jack, Once upon a time I had a daughter. She was six when killed by a car. You guessed it - a speeding driver. A fine and three months in jail, and the man was free. Free to hug his daughters, all three of them. I only had one, and I'm going to have to wait until Heaven before I can ever hug her again. A thousand times I've tried to forgive that man. A thousand times I thought I had. Maybe I did, but I need to do it again. Even now. Pray for me. And be careful, Jack, my son is all I have left.' signed Bob'

Jack turned around in time to see Bob's car pull away and head down the road. Jack watched until it disappeared. A full 15 minutes later, he too, pulled away and drove slowly home, praying for forgiveness and hugging a surprised wife and kids when he arrived...

Life is precious. Handle with care. This is an important message; please pass it along to your friends. Drive safely and carefully. Remember, cars are not the only things recalled by their maker. Have a Great Safe Summer.

## Do you know where your research will go when you go?

A **codicil** is a document that amends, rather than replaces, a previously executed [will](#).<sup>[1]</sup> Amendments made by a codicil may add or revoke small provisions (e.g., changing executors), or may completely change the majority, or all, of the gifts under the will. Each codicil must conform to the same legal requirements as the original will, such as the signatures of the [testator](#) and, typically, two or three (depending on the jurisdiction) disinterested witnesses. Use the codicil below to designate passing along your genealogical research.

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Volusia County Genealogical Society  
PO Box 2039 Daytona Beach Fl. 32115-2039

### Genealogical Codicil to My Last Will and Testament

Upon my demise

To: My spouse, children, guardian, administrator and/or executor:

Upon my demise it is requested that you **DO NOT** dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, both those prepared personally by me and those records prepared by others which may be in my possession, including but not limited to books, files, notebooks or computer programs for a period of two years. During this time period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of the said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories.

"I suggest that the persons contacted regarding the assumption of the custody of these items include but not be limited to"

Name /Address/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name /Address/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event you do not find anyone to accept these materials, please contact the various genealogical organizations that I have been a member of and determine if they will accept some parts or all of my genealogical materials. [List of organizations, addresses and phone numbers at bottom; include local chapters, with their addresses, phone numbers and contact persons if available as well as state/national contact information and addresses]

Please remember that my genealogical endeavors consumed a great deal of time, travel, and money. Therefore it is my desire that the products of these endeavors be allowed to continue in a manner that will make them available to others in the future.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Recently indexed books in Gen Room City Island Library (06/03/2010)**

D.A.R. 369.135 Dau History and Roster 1998-2009 Florida State Soc. Of D.A.R 1998-2009 v. VIII

Va. 975.5 Ros 2002 Revolutionary Patriots of Buckingham County, Va. Carl Coleman Rosen

Va. 975.5 Aus Virginia Bible Records Jeannette Holland Austin 2000 pb

Va. 975.5 Eck v.1 1989 Virginia Soldiers of the American Revolution Hamilton J. Eckenrode

Va. 975.5 Eck v.2 1989 Virginia Soldiers of the American Revolution Hamilton J. Eckenrode

Nat. 929.1 Nat 2006 Using Civilian Records for Genealogical Research NARA Nat. Archives Wash. D.C.

D.A.C.369.12 Dau v.36 2003 Nat. Society of the Daughters of the American D.A.C. Colonists Lineage Book Vol. 36

D.A.C.369.12 Dau v.37 2005 Nat. Society of the Daughters of the American D.A.C. Colonists Lineage Book Vol. 37

Pa. 929.2 Etzel The Saga of the Etzels and Hannels of Clarion Lois Etzel et al. County (Pennsylvania) 1997

Fla. 975.922 Gre 2007 Woodlea Life on the Lake of the Dancing Bob Grenier Sunbeams