

# Volusia County Genealogical Society

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## 35TH YEAR SERVING DAYTONA BEACH GENEALOGY

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**Next VCGS Meeting** will be **January 20, 2011**  
**6pm Auditorium City Island Library Daytona**

Williams Cummins will be speaking on his book "The Forgotten"

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

### Call to Order and Announcements:

Michael Williams, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He announced that there were brochures for the upcoming seminar available on the back table for anyone interested.

Hal Gauper announced that he would be distributing a survey for members to complete tonight requesting updated member information along with topics they would like to see addressed at future meetings and books they would like purchased for the Genealogy Room.

There were 24 members present.

### Adjournment of Meeting:

On motion by Joyce Bailey and second by Tom Peake, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. for the Christmas social.

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**VCGS Society Calendar**

**Thursday January 20** 5pm Board meeting

6pm Program Speaker will be William Cummins who will speak on his book "The Forgotten".

**Volusia -Flagler Sister Societies**

**HGS Ormond Library Jan 13 at 1:30 pm**  
**Speaker will be Paul Enchelmayer on "Storing & Restoring Photos in the Digital Age"**

**R&B DeLand Library, January 16 .**  
**GSSVC NSB Library, January 10**

**GSFC Palm Coast Flagler Library - January 27**

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

December Balance \$1,558.42 ,

Book Fund now has \$491.00,



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**Upcoming Genealogy Seminars**

**Volusia-Flagler Council of Genealogical Societies — Saturday, January 22, 2011, The Club at Halifax Plantation, Ormond Beach, FL— "Thinking Creatively About Difficult Research Problems by Apryl Cox.** Presentations will also include Strategies for Finding Elusive Ancestors and Building a Case When Direct Evidence is Missing. \$40 includes lunch.

**Charlotte County Genealogical Society—Saturday, February 5, 2011. Port Charlotte, FL — "Update Your Genealogy Toolbox" with Dick Eastman.** Dick is the editor of Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter which has been published since Jan, 1996. Dick will be doing presentations on "Genealogy Searches on Google, The Organized Genealogist, The Latest Technology for Genealogists and Where is Genealogy Software Headed." \$35 for non-members includes lunch/ Pre-Registration ends January 26, 2011.

**1st Annual North Florida Genealogy Conference,—Saturday, March 12, 2011, Jacksonville Public Library, Jacksonville, FL.** General Thomas Lee Jessee is the Keynote Speaker. Presenters include Denice Mortorff, Lisa Thurman, Miles Meyer, Lori Miranda, C Ann Staley, Karen Rhodes, Darrius Gray, Margaret B Young, Elmer Spear, Michael Clinansmith, Gaylor Findley, Beth Wilson, and Nephi Watt. Pre-Event Registration is \$10.00 At the Door Registration is \$20.00 Box Lunch is \$5.00.

**"Who Do You Think You Are",** TV series will return on Friday, February 4, 2011 at 8 pm on NBC. Some of the people being highlighted are Ashley Judd, Gwyneth Paltrow, Kim Cattrall, Lionel Ritchie, Tim McGraw, Rosie O'Donnell, Steve Buscemi and Vanessa Williams.

**Have You Found The Key To Your Past????**



## Whispers from the Dust" Cemetery Grant Program: The Growing Dilemma

Cemeteries across the world are a treasure trove of valuable family history information. But that information is in danger of being permanently lost or destroyed. Many cemeteries maintain only a single paper copy of their records, and the information found on maps and records may not agree. ICAPGen is committed to helping cemeteries better preserve their information with technology that modernizes map and record keeping. *Sadly, many cemeteries cannot afford this much-needed technology.*

In this technological age, aren't there computer programs and digital record-keeping systems that will help solve these problems? Yes! The technology is available to modernize cemetery record keeping. *The problem is not a lack of technology. The problem is insufficient resources.* Most cemeteries operate on meager budgets with limited revenues that must be used for maintenance, operations, grounds keeping, and salaries, with little left for record keeping.

**"Whispers from the Dust"** is a grant program that provides technology and financial support for cemeteries to:

Preserve historical information, Modernize record keeping , Make information accessible on the Internet

### How Does the Grant Program Work?

1. ICAPGen serves as the philanthropic agent for the collection and distribution of funds for the grant program.
2. Cemeteries apply for a grant from ICAPGen. Approved cemeteries are required to share the cost through dollars or labor. Cemetery grants provide: a paper to digital conversion of maps and records; records management hardware and software; and publication of information on the Internet.
3. Cemetery employees are trained to use and maintain their new systems.
4. Maps and records are uploaded to the award-winning cemetery website, NAMES IN STONE, where they are made available for worldwide family history and genealogical research.

### Benefits for the Genealogical Research Community

- **Makes Records Widely Available** - Online cemetery maps and records are available to everyone, anytime and anywhere.
- **Identify Relatives** - Genealogists can see who is buried next to whom, gaining clues into research mysteries.
- **Preserves Information** - A computerized format facilitates the preservation of cemetery information.
- **Offers Convenience** - Family history researchers can virtually "walk" through a cemetery, right from their own computers.

**Benefits for Cemeteries --Protects Information** - Computerized maps and records are easily duplicated, facilitating backups and reducing data loss.

- **Offers Motivation** - Cemeteries are given a financial solution to maintaining better records.
- **Ease of Use** - Software makes searching and updating records quick and easy, which encourages better records management.
- **Public Service** - The public is better served by the cemetery's improved efficiency and convenient access to vital family information.

## How Can You Help?

**Would you like to help ICAPGen in providing the solution to this cemetery dilemma?**

ICAPGen relies on donations and contributions from people like you to make funds available to cemeteries in need. Please help by making your tax-deductible donation today!

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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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## SURVEY

### Sons and Daughters of WWII Veterans

The Admiral Nimitz Foundation would like to announce the creation of the Society of Sons and Daughters of World War II Veterans. The organization just started accepting applications January 1, 2011. Its goal is to preserve the stories of sacrifice and achievement of America's "greatest generation"—those who fought and won WWII. It will also enable individuals to prove family ancestry from an American veteran of World War II. The Society of Sons and Daughters of World War II Veterans will also be an asset for educators and students as it will create a public database of military records from WWII veterans that will be accessible to historians, authors and students.

Memberships is open to relatives by birth, adoption, or marriage of all men and women who served in the United States military in World War II. A Memorial membership is also available to friends of a qualifying veterans who claims no relation. All memberships require proof of service of a veteran between December 7, 1941 and December 31, 1946. To sign up, and for more information, visit [SonsandDaughtersofWW2Veterans.org](http://SonsandDaughtersofWW2Veterans.org) or [NimitzFoundation.org/SonsandDaughters](http://NimitzFoundation.org/SonsandDaughters)

Benefits of membership in the Society of Sons and Daughters of World War II Veterans include a social group of like-minded people interested in perpetuating the memories of WWII veterans. As a member, you will receive a numbered and dated certificate bearing your name and the name of your World War II veteran ancestor. That information will be listed in a searchable on-line database. Applicant's certification fee is \$125.00

Happy Groundhog Day



Do you use a computerized genealogy program such as Family Tree or The Master Genealogist?

If you use one of these programs, what is the name of the program you use?

Please email your response to [cmhartzell@cfl.rr.com](mailto:cmhartzell@cfl.rr.com)

Put "Survey" in the subject

Best ways to use search engines when looking for genealogy answers or anything other answers.

1. Don't bother trying without quotemarks, you get more unwanted results.
2. Don't try county name, just go to the county list and you get more results there.
3. Don't try state name, just go to the state in question and browse.
4. Don't try these words—probate, guardianship, etc. Just go to appropriate sections. You get better results.
5. Always use these guidelines.  
"Surname, " (put space after , then "). "Surname, given name" (don't bother to try middle name (middle names produce poor results))
6. "Mary" - will work if you are not sure of married name but will produce a LOT of results.



## Christmas Social Memories

