

# Volusia County Genealogical Society

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MARCH 2011

## 35TH YEAR SERVING DAYTONA BEACH GENEALOGY

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Next VCGS Meeting will be **Apr 21, 2011**

**6pm Auditorium City Island Library Daytona**

**Karen Thuryns Smith will be in character as Dr Josie Rogers and will tell of her early life in Daytona Beach as the first woman doctor.**

### Minutes of Meeting of March 17, 2011

#### Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:

Hal Gauper, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He asked that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 26 members present and 4 guests.

#### Introduction of Guests:

Hal introduced the following guests: Barbara and Richard Unsworth who are compiling a list of close family for health reasons. They are researching Canada and the U.K.; Colleen and Michael Samman who are continuing research on their Irish and German roots; and Candace and Larry Miller who are researching Hunt and Armstrong and noted that they recently inherited a Civil War cap from Sgt. Dills who was at Gettysburg.

#### Treasurer's Report:

The balance as of March 17, 2011 is \$2,168.77.

#### Membership:

Ruth Patrignani noted that we continue to need volunteers in the Genealogy Room. She advised members that Ancestry.com is available in the room. She reminded members to pay their dues, stating that the dues run from January to December.

#### Announcements:

Hal announced that there is a genealogy workshop in Charleston, SC from May 11-14. There are brochures on the back table for anyone interested.

#### Book Committee:

David announced that there will be a Book Committee meeting next Thursday, the 24th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

#### Program:

Hal introduced Fayn Leveille from the Halifax Historical Museum whose talk was on the early settlers of the Daytona Beach area. Ms. Leveille noted that the earliest inhabitants of this area were 340,000 years ago, which included 9-foot armadillos and 13-foot tall sloths that subsequently died off. Artifacts have been discovered here tracing back to 9,000-25,000 BC. The French were the first Europeans to come. Since they only averaged 5 feet 4 inches they

described the Native Americans they found as really tall, probably 6-7 feet tall. The

**VCGS Society Calendar****Thursday March 17 5pm Board meeting**

6pm Program Karen Thurnys Smith will be telling of Dr Josie Rogers and her early life in Daytona Beach as the first woman doctor and mayor.

**Volusia -Flagler Sister Societies****HGS Ormond Library Apr 14 at 1:30 pm****R&B DeLand Library, April 17****GSSVC NSB Library April 11****GSFC Palm Coast Flagler Library - April 28****5:30pm Program TBA****\$\$ Report by Treasurer Tom Peake \$\$**March 21,2011 \$21 **68.77**

Genealogy is not fatal, but it is a grave disease.

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said that they could learn a lot from the Native Americans. After that the Spanish and English arrived and took the natives as slaves. They gave the natives diseases and were cruel to them so that by the 1700's the Native Americans were wiped out across Central Florida.

In 1766 Oswald helped write treaties with other nations and that is how Spain got Florida. In 1821 Bulow built a plantation here. When he died a few years later his son took over and built the site into a great plantation. The Timucuas got along well with them. 1833 marked the Trail of Tears and all Indians had to go to Oklahoma, but the Seminoles never signed the treaty. The army took over the Bulow Plantation causing the Seminoles to burn it down. The son had left for Paris where he died a few months later. In 1870 Matthias Day brought his whole family to the Palmetto House on South Beach Street. He then laid out the center part of town. In fact, Loomis Street is named after his son

In July 1876 it was incorporated as a town. The present museum is located in what had been the Merchants Bank, which opened this new building in 1911. In the early 1920's there was a land boom, people swapped paper and the Merchants Bank tanked in the summer of 1929. This became the museum's permanent home in 1986 and is owned by Volusia County. Ms. Levielle also showed old photos of the area.

**Adjournment of Meeting:**

On motion by Ruth Patrignani and second by Kitty Consalvo, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm

## Civil War Research Resources

### Research Recommendations: *The Last Full Measure of Devotion*

by Michael J. Leclerc

One hundred and fifty years ago this week, the American Civil War started with the first shots fired on Fort Sumter in the harbor of Charleston, South Carolina. More Americans were killed in the five-year conflict than in World War I and World War II combined. As the sesquicentennial arrives, memorials and remembrances abound in newspapers, magazines, television, and, of course, the internet. This week I would like to give you five free websites that you can use to research your Civil War ancestor.

The African American Civil War Museum

[www.afroamcivilwar.org](http://www.afroamcivilwar.org)

The Museum, founded in 1997, has an extensive collection of photographs, documents, and information to help us understand the contributions made by African Americans in the conflict. While the site itself does not have a large number of records, there is a resources tab to direct people to other organizations that do have records, online and off.

The American Civil War Home Page

[www.civilwarhome.com](http://www.civilwarhome.com)

Dick "Shotgun" Weeks first published this site in 1997. It contains a number of links to assist your research. Many of these links will assist you in understanding what your Civil War soldier or sailor ancestor may have gone through. Among the links are: Civil War Battles, Civil War Biographies, Civil War Medicine, Fox's Regimental Losses, Letters About the War, and The Armies.

The Civil War Home Page

[www.civil-war.net](http://www.civil-war.net)

Not to be confused with the site above, this is one of several sites owned and managed by Michael Frosch. This site is rich with information, official records, images, and more. There is an entire section with information on re-enactors as well as images from personal collections of soldiers who served on both sides of the war.

Civil War Rosters

[civilwarroster.com](http://civilwarroster.com)

This site is now run by Chuck Ewing. Although it hasn't been updated in awhile, it does have valuable links to online rosters of various units that served in the war from the forty-four states and territories involved in the conflict. There are special links to the US Colored Troops, Civil War Monuments, Prisons, and others.

Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System

[www.itd.nps.gov/cwss](http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss)

This site, run by the National Parks Service, contains the names of 6.3 million soldiers and sailors compiled by the NPS and its partners over several years. In addition to those who served, you can get information on those who received the Medal of Honor, or who may have been imprisoned at Fort McHenry or the notorious Andersonville Prison. You can also find information on regiments that served during the war, and a list

**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.

### Long Lost British Relative??

Do you think your family tree might have British roots? Would you like to travel to Great Britain to discover your living relatives? Dragonfly Film and TV in the UK is producing an interesting new game show concept called "Guess The Relative," featuring families and long-lost relatives, and they are searching for people from all over the world who think they might have British relatives (English, Welsh, Scottish) who they've never made contact with.

In each episode of the program, a British family will meet three mystery guests, one of which is in fact a distant relative. The family and their three guests live together for one week, taking part in a number of entertaining tasks, while trying to deduce which of the three is their genuine relative. Visit the [Guess The Relative](#) Web site for more information or to submit an application.

NBC has renewed the series "Who Do You Think You Are" for a 3rd season. We have this to look forward to in 2012 as well.

### Membership Corner

By Ruth Patrignani

As of March 31st, we have a total of 50 members. We need to each ask someone to join our society so we can continue to move forward. Let's all make an effort to get some new members.

### April Meeting Speaker

Come listen to Dr. Josie Rogers tell of her time in Daytona Beach. Dr. Josie was the first woman mayor of Daytona, as well as, the first woman doctor. Karen Thuyns Smith will be in character as Dr. Josie. Program starts at 6pm. See you then.



## The Census

It was the first day of census and all through the land  
each pollster was ready, a black book in hand.  
He mounted his horse for a long dusty ride,  
his books and his quills were tucked close by his side.

A long dusty ride down a road barely there,  
toward the smell of fresh bread wafting up through the air.  
The woman was tired, with lines on her face  
and wisps of brown hair she tucked back into place.

She gave him some water as they sat at the table,  
and she answered his questions the best she was able.  
He asked her of children. Yes, she had quite a few.  
The oldest was twenty, the youngest not two.

She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red.  
His sister, she whispered, was napping in bed.  
She noted each person who lived there with pride,  
and she felt the faint stirrings of the wee one inside.

He noted the sex, the color, the age,  
the marks from the quill soon filled up the page.  
At the number of children, she nodded her head,  
and he saw her lips quiver for the ones that were dead.

The places of birth she "never forgot" ...  
Was it Carolina, or Tennessee, or Georgia or not?  
They came from Scotland, on that she was clear,  
But she wasn't quite sure just how long they'd been here.

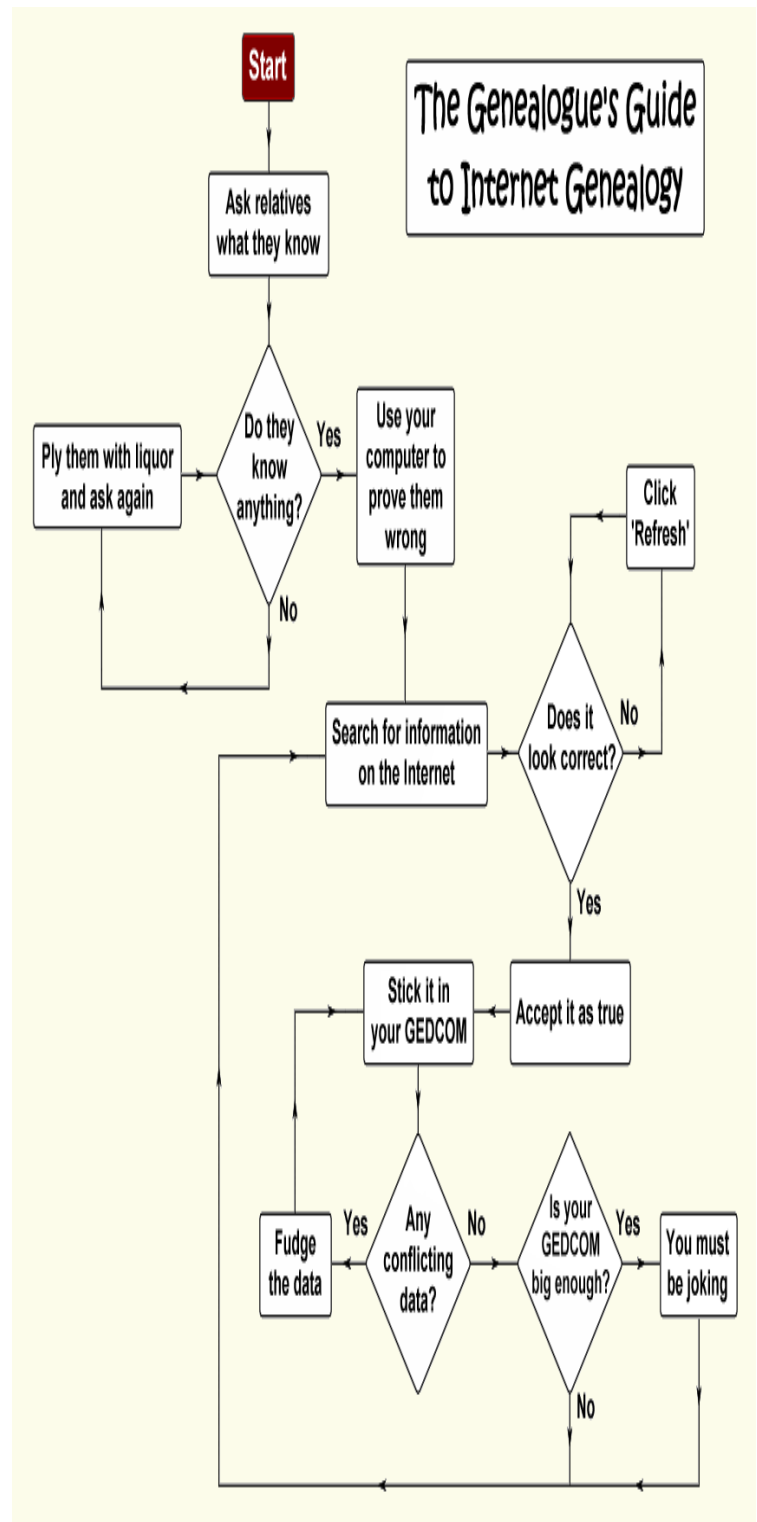
They spoke of employment, of schooling and such.  
They could read some and write some...though really not much.  
When the questions were answered, his job there was done,  
so he mounted his horse and he rode toward the sun.

We can almost imagine his voice loud and clear,  
"May God bless you all for another ten years."  
Now picture a time warp...it's now you and me  
as we search for the people on our family tree.

We squint at the census, and scroll down so slow,  
as we search for that entry from long, long ago.  
Could they only imagine on that long ago day  
that the entries they made would affect us this way.

If they knew, would they wonder at the yearning we feel  
and the searching that makes them so increasingly real?  
We can hear if we listen, the words they impart  
through their blood in our veins and their voice in our heart.

~ by *Darlene Caryl-Stevens*



Win! Win! Win!

Ruth Patrignani was the winner of our  
Word Search Contest in the March  
newsletter.