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Next VCGS Meeting

The next meeting of the Volusia County Genealogy Society will be November 17, 2011 at 6 pm in the Auditorium at City Island Library. The program will be "Newspaper Research" by Kim Dolce, Librarian

VOLUSIA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Meeting of October 20, 2011

Opening of Meeting:

Hal Gauper, Acting President, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. He asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 18 members present.

Treasurer's Report:

Tom Peake reported that we have a balance of \$2,090.68 as of October 20, 2011.

Report by President:

Hal advised members that the Society has been scheduled in the library for 2012 for our meetings. He noted that we are looking for officers for next year and said that we need help. He asked for volunteers for the Nominating Committee. If there are no volunteers by the end of the meeting he will appoint someone to serve in that capacity.

Program:

Cora May Hartzell presented the program on "Preserving Your Memories." She said that the first step is to organize all your pictures and memorabilia. It doesn't necessarily have to be people. You can choose a topic to focus on, i.e. buildings in the town where you grew up. It can be done chronologically, separate sides of the family, or events. Newspaper clippings need to be sprayed with an archival mist (obtainable at the craft stores) to preserve them since they're not acid or lignum free. Also use acid free adhesive as glue sticks buckle papers. Other supplies are card stock in different colors, patterned papers, an album, paper cutter, small sharp scissors and possibly stickers and a die-cut machine. Make sure some of the pages have your handwriting on them for future generations to see. Other methods of displaying your photos are in a scrapbook frame, shadowbox frame or using canvases.

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VCGS Society Calendar**Thursday, November 17th 5pm** Board meeting**Thursday November 17th 6pm**Program "Newspaper Research" by Kim
Dolce**Volusia—Flagler Sister Societies****HGS Ormond Library Nov 10, 2011 at 1:30
pm****R&B Deland Library, Nov. 20, 2011 at 2:00 pm****GSSVC NSB Library, Nov. 12, 2011 at 5:00 pm****GSFC Palm Coast Flagler Library - Nov 24,
2011 5:30pm****\$\$ Report by Treasurer Tom Peake \$\$****\$2,090.68****[Facebook](#)**

A couple of weeks ago I sent each of you an invitation thru Facebook to join the new Volusia County Genealogical Society page on Facebook.. I don't know if your spam blocker would not let this come to your mailbox or if you just ignored it . Not one person from the Society joined the page. We are trying to make the Society more available and interesting to you but without your participation, it is not possible. We would like to make our Society more accessible to the general public and maybe recruit some new members. Please let me know if you received this.

Clean Your Slate

Posted: 14 Nov 2011 05:00 AM PST by Michael John Neil

If you are really stuck, consider starting over and documenting every piece of information from scratch. Don't throw away what you already have, but put it aside and start with the "most recent" facts and re-work your way through the research starting with your raw material from scratch.

It might even be advised to wait a few days before working on the family again to allow yourself time to forget some of the information.

Ask yourself along the way questions, including:

How do I know these two records refer to the same person?

Am I recording assumptions as facts?

Could I explain the research process to someone unfamiliar with the family?

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Cora May advised that it's important to preserve your memories now so that future generations have them. She showed a picture a day album that she had made showing the story of her life every day for one year through pictures of the routine things she did with explanatory notes.

Following her program, Hal asked how many attendees had written a story of their life telling how things were different as they were growing up from the present day.

Appointment of Nominating Chairperson:

Hal asked Tom Peake to serve as Nominating Chairperson to present a slate of officers at the November meeting. Members who wish to serve as an officer should give their names to Tom.

Adjournment of Meeting:

On motion by Kitty Consalvo and second by Carol Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kitty Consalvo,



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 LOUISiana Digital Library (LDL) is an online library containing photographs, maps, manuscript materials, books, and oral histories documenting history and culture. Its purpose is “to make unique historical treasures from the Louisiana institutions’ archives, libraries, museums, and other repositories in the state electronically accessible to Louisiana residents and to students, researchers, and the general public in other states and countries.” Twenty-two libraries, archives, museums, and historical centers contribute digital items from their collections to the online library. Currently LDL contains more than 144,000 items. The participating institutions include: Amistad Research Center, Louisiana State Archives, Louisiana State Museum, Louisiana State University (LSU), Loyola University New Orleans, New Orleans City Archives, New Orleans Public Library, State Library of Louisiana, The Historic New Orleans Collection, Tulane University, and University of New Orleans.

The collections in the LOUISiana Digital Library can be browsed or searched. You can browse by Topic, Institution, Media Format, Geographic Focus, Time Period, and Collection Name. If you want to browse by institution, click on Institution in the collections list on the left side of the page. This will open a new page with links to the participating institutions’ collections. Click on the institution’s name to access its collections.

To search the collections you can enter keywords in the search box, which is located in the upper-right side of the page, or you can run an advanced search by clicking on the Search All Collections link in the menu bar at the top of the homepage. With Advanced Search you can search across all fields, selected fields, by proximity or by date. You can also search specific collections from this page.

Louisiana State University contributed forty-six collections, which include photographs, oral histories, newspapers, maps, and letters that could be of interest to family history researchers. They include the following:

Civil War Photograph Album

This album contains portraits of military personnel who fought during the American Civil War, 1861–1865. Most of the photographs are cartes-de-visite of Confederate enlisted men and officers.

George C. Strong Photograph Album

This album contains two photographs of sites around the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, and forty-two photographic portraits of cadets in the classes of 1857 and 1858.

Hermann Moyse Sr. World War I Collection

This collection contains letters written by Hermann Moyse, Sr. (1891–1985), a native of St. Gabriel, Louisiana, when he was a soldier in World War I.

The Louisiana Newspaper Access Program

This collection contains digitized images of select regional Louisiana newspapers from the 19th and early 20th centuries. Click on the View All Items in the Collection link to access them. There are seventy-one different newspapers in this collection.

LSU Libraries Civil War Collection

This collection “represents the cultural and political aspects of the conflict, and life in antebellum Louisiana.”

Maps of Louisiana Collection

This collection consists of important original maps associated with the French colonization of the territory of Louisiana, and the Louisiana Purchase.

Marshall Dunham Photograph Album, ca. 1861–1865

This photograph album, which contains photographs taken in Louisiana during the Civil War, was compiled by Sgt. Marshall Dunham of the 159th New York regiment.

Become An Interactive Genealogist

Courtesy of Internet Genealogy

Genealogical Research in the 21st Century is no longer just a solitary activity performed in the dark corner of a library or courthouse. Technology and the Internet have opened up the world to family history sleuths. Major online databases have incorporated “interactive” features now, social media sites have catapulted the concept of networking, and internet giant Google can be utilized by genealogists for so much more than just vanity searches and quick information gathering. Here are some ways to make genealogical research more efficient and fun..

1. **Creating Fold3 Memorial Pages**— With Fold3 Memorial pages (formerly Footnote pages you can create online tribute pages for your ancestors, using your own files or items you locate on the site. You can sign up for a free account to create pages, but if you want to use any records from the site’s premium content, you need to be a subscriber.
2. **Skype**—Skype offers a great free way to keep in touch with family and friends. You can also use it to interview family members.
3. **Family Website**—Myfamily.com is a great way for families to share information in an invitation-only, password-protected environment for as little as \$29.95 per year. You can also administer a village based website for the area in which your ancestors were born.
4. **Google Alerts** –You can use Google alerts to set up any keywords that you want to request and it will email you with the best results. You can even tell it how often you want to be alerted as new information is being added every day.
5. **Genealogy Radio Shows**—If you’re not joining in on the free radio shows on Blog Talk Radio, you’re missing out on a great opportunity for learning and socializing with others who share your interest and passion for family history.
6. **Webinars and Online Learning**—Webinars are one of the hottest trends in genealogy right now. These Webinars are being offered by genealogy companies, societies and individual instructors on a variety of topics (some are free; others require a minimal registration fee.) Get a complete list of these at www.geneawebinars.com
7. **Online Family Trees**— Putting your family tree online helps increase your chances of connecting with long lost kin and hopefully filling in any missing branches.
8. **Find A Grave and DeadFred**– At Find A Grave you can search 65 million grave records , add images and details about the graves of ancestors, created virtual memorials, add “virtual flowers” and a note to a loved one’s grave and more.
9. **Social Media**—Looking for some virtual place to quickly network with other genealogists. Try Facebook, Genealogy Wise or Twitter.