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Next VCGS Meeting

April 19, 2012 6pm City Island Library Daytona Beach
Ann Mohr Osisek who will speak on "The Paper Trail—The Ins and
Outs of Courthouse Research"

VOLUSIA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Meeting of March 15, 2012

Opening of Meeting:

Cora May Hartzell, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 20 members present and 4 guests.

Introduction of Guests:

Michele Walka is researching Hewlett and Thompson in Pennsylvania. Carolyn Carlisle is researching Carmichael and Gallagher in New York City. Cecelia Nunnally has done Welsh research, and Vito Leo was also a guest.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion by Hal Gauper and second by Ruth Patrignani, the minutes of the February meeting were approved as submitted.

Volusia/Flagler Council of Genealogical Societies:

Cora May reported on the recent meeting. She noted that VCGS is the smallest of the 5 societies. The topic of banners was discussed at the meeting. The Halifax Society has one and Flagler is looking into one. Melissa Shinkus, Genealogy Librarian at the Allen County Library, will be the speaker for the Seminar to be held on January 19th.

Volunteers Needed:

Kim Dolce, Genealogy Librarian, noted that volunteers are needed for the Genealogy Room especially in the afternoons. She also needs someone who is willing to index obituaries from the 1960's. She would show individuals how to get it on microfilm. This counts as volunteer hours. The genealogy books on the cart in the back of the room are free to take.

Program:

Hal Gauper, Vice President, introduced Ken S. Nunnally, from the Office of the Florida Attorney General, who spoke on DNA. Mr. Nunnally advised members not to be afraid when checking into this. It has been used in court in Florida since 1988. You need to know who to ask about it and how many discreet markers they use. One type of DNA is nuclear DNA, which is identical DNA except for minute markers. Genealogical has a pristine sample. Is it standardized? Test kits are important, as is the lab's accreditation. Another consideration is privacy. What is the lab going to do

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VCGS Society Calendar**Thursday, April 19, 2012 5pm** Board meeting**Thursday, April 19, 2012 6 pm****Ann Mohr Osisek will be speaking on
"The Paper Trail—The Ins and Outs of
Courthouse Research"****Volusia -Flagler Sister Societies****HGS Ormond Library** April 12, 2012 at 1:30 pm**R&B Deland Library**, April 15, 2012 at 2:00 pm**GSSVC NSB Library**, Sunday, April 8, 2012 at 2 pm**GSFC Palm Coast Flagler Library** - Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 5:30pm**\$\$ Report by Treasurer Tom Peake \$\$****\$2,248.48**

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The test kit is the actual chemical in generating a profile. Genealogical databases contain samples from all over the world. Some tests just tell where in the world you're from. Another kind, most recent ancestor, ties you to individuals. Labs might help you connect with other people. YSTR is the male line only (Nuclear/traditional).

Mitochondrial DNA is not traditional and is maternal only. You can look on the Internet but note that information changes weekly. Mr. Nunnally reiterated that you need to be careful whom you're dealing with. The more markers the higher the cost, but get as many as you can afford. He mentioned the International Society of Genetic Genealogy, and Ancestry.com is bringing out a new test. He recommended doing both male and female DNA to parallel the lines to try for mother's father. If it is a proprietary database it means the lab won't share.

Adjournment of Meeting:

On motion by David Farris and second by Ruth Patrignani, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kitty Consalvo, Recording Secretary



"BUT WHAT GOOD IS A FAMILY TREE
IF YOU CAN'T CLIMB IT?"

What States Took Part in the U.S. Federal Census of 1885?

Often referred to as "[The Forgotten Census](#)," an 1879 act regulating the 1880 census requested also that states and territories conduct a semi-decennial census, in between regular census years. Authorized by the federal government, "Each state or territory that complied with this request was to receive, from the federal treasury, 50 percent of the amount paid to all supervisors and actual enumerators within that state or territory." In spite of this incentive, in 1885, only a few states complied: [Florida](#), [Nebraska](#), [Colorado](#), and the territories of [New Mexico](#) and [Dakota](#). All except the 1885 Dakota Territory census were later transferred to the National Archives. And while other state census records do exist for that period, this was the only federally-sponsored census. As with previous federal censuses, Population, Agricultural, Manufactures and Mortality schedules were included, each of which provides significant information on those enumerated -- some of which might not be found elsewhere, helping to fill in for the lost 1890 census for participating states.

All of the 1885 census schedules held at the National Archives have been micro-filmed, and some are available online. Following are the microfilm numbers for participating states:

New Mexico Territory #M846

Florida #M845

Nebraska # M352

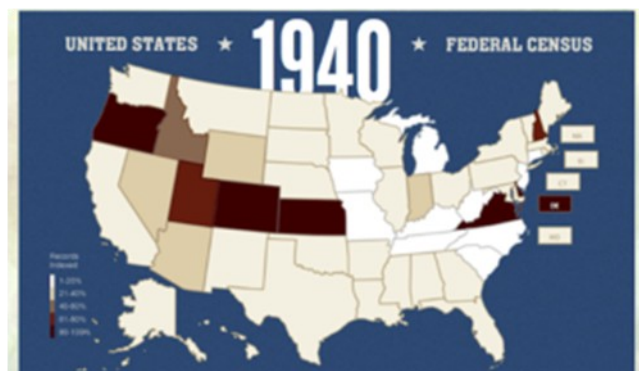
Colorado #M158

The Dakota Territory schedules were not transferred to the National Archives, but are held respectively at the South Dakota State Archives or the [North Dakota State Archives](#)

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 .

How Many 1940 Census Records Have Been Indexed?



Most genealogists know that the 1940 U.S. census images have been released and are now available to everyone. However, these are images only. The indexes will be added "real soon now." Several organizations, including FamilySearch, are busy with indexing efforts.

Of course, the real question is: "When will my the state I am interested in be finished?" Nobody can tell you the exact date but you can obtain a status report of the efforts at FamilySearch.org.

Go to <https://www.familysearch.org/1940census/> and move your mouse over the state that you are interested in. A pop-up will appear showing you the percentage of records that have been indexed so far by FamilySearch.

Some states show zero per cent. One state, Kansas, shows 98%!

My thanks to Judy Crook for telling me about this interesting new infographic.

By Dick Eastman



MARCH MEETING PICS

The very pretty and festive St Patrick's Day table created by Jeannine Hausmann



Kenneth Nunnalley of the Office of Florida State's Attorney speaking on DNA

Judy Williams, Allie and Del Goodwin, Miles Gardner, Kim Dolce and others listen to speaker, Kenneth Nunnalley



Small Town Girl

Life all begin for me in a small town in central rural West Virginia by the name of Lost Creek. It was a small blip on the radar in a valley surrounded by mountains and coal mines. It was so small that the incorporated area of the town could fit inside the track at Daytona International Speedway.

I started in the first grade at Lost Creek Elementary School – there was no kindergarten at that time and graduated from Lost Creek High School – never leaving the original building I started in.

There were 8 other classmates who made that same journey with me all 12 years.

During my years from 7th grade until my senior year in high school, I worked in my Mother and Dad's restaurant learning everything from cooking to mopping the floors. I worked for Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company in Clarksburg, holding several different jobs in their office. I then moved to Maryland with my two kids for more opportunities. I worked for Guardian Tree Experts for 12 years. While there I became only the third women in the state of Maryland to hold a "Tree Experts License". During that time I also obtained my certification as a CPS – Certified Professional Secretary.

After 12 years with the tree company, I started my own company "Keyboard Services" which is where I became interested in genealogy. I did list management and secretarial services and one of my clients needed me to maintain a mailing list for his Family Newsletter which he published quarterly. I would then label and mail these newsletters for him. Another genealogy related job I had was transcribing a family history from tape that a lady had written about her husband's family who were Irish. Many of them left Ireland during the Irish Potato Famine. This all started my love for family history and the detective skills that you use to get there.

The last 20 plus years of my working life was spent in the healthcare industry working in the registration-insurance areas in hospitals both in Maryland and Florida.

After retirement, I decided I wanted to work the 2010 census. I applied in January of 2009 and was hired to work during the "Address Canvassing" phase identifying every possible address where persons could dwell. This lasted until May. I then went to work in Oct of 2009 when the Daytona office opened and worked until it closed at the end of Sept 2010.

The release of the 1940 census has been enlightening to me as I grew up knowing most of the people in my hometown. It has also brought to light some areas I have questions about. I have already spent some time asking my older brother some of these and have found some answers. I hope I am still around when the 1950 census is released as I remember my Mother as an enumerator during this census and some of the stories she told about her adventures in getting this information to paper.

My only regrets in all my research is that I didn't start my research when more of my ancestors were alive. I think this is probably true of most genealogists.

April DAR Meeting

April 17, 2012

The Sugar Mill Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at the Port Orange Christian Church at 904 Taylor Rd., Port Orange at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2012. The topic will be WWII Fighter Pilot Remembers presented by Ed Malo. Please call the Regent at 760-9921 for more information. All women who have ancestors who fought in or provided assistance in the American Revolution are eligible. We will be happy to assist you in preparing your paperwork.

Volunteers Needed

The Volusia County Genealogical Society has been asked to fill the display case in the front foyer of City Island Library for the month of August. Cora May has asked me to head the committee. I would like a couple of people that could help. We need a focus and then place appropriate materials in the case. If you are interested, please let me know. Email is patri-gru@bellsouth.net or call me 322-4206. Thank you.

Ruth Patrignani



Volunteer Luncheon

Tuesday, April 10, volunteers of the Library were honored at a luncheon in the Children's Auditorium of the Library. The meal was prepared and served by the Culinary Institute at Mainland High School. Lasagna, Caesar Salad, Garlic Toast and Dessert were enjoyed by all attending.

