

# Volusia County Genealogical Society

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## 37TH YEAR SERVING DAYTONA BEACH GENEALOGY

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### Next VCGS Meeting

September 13, 2012 6:00 P.M.

“New York Genealogy” presented by Hal Gauper

### VOLUSIA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

#### Minutes of Meeting of June 21, 2012

#### Opening of Meeting:

Cora May Hartzell, President, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. She asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 16 members present.

#### Book Purchases:

Kim Dolce, Genealogy Room Librarian, displayed the books that the society recently purchased for the collection.

#### Program:

Cora May presented some games including reading of humorous epitaphs from gravestones. During the social hour members told about the earliest ancestor they have located.

#### Adjournment of Meeting:

On motion by Kitty Consalvo and second by David Farris, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. for the summer social.

Respectfully submitted,

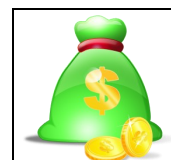
Kitty Consalvo, Recording Secretary



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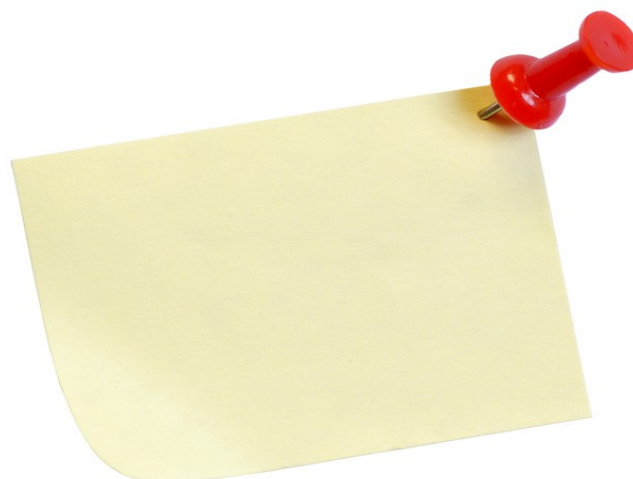
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**VCGS Society Calendar****Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012 5pm Board meeting****Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012 6 pm****New York Genealogy****Presented by Hal Gauper****Volusia -Flagler Sister Societies****HGS Ormond Library** Sept 13, 2012 at 1:30 pm**R&B Deland Library**, Sept 16, 2012 at 2:00 pm**GSSVC NSB Library**, Sept 9, 2012 at 2 pm**GSFC Palm Coast Flagler Library** - Sept 27, 2012  
at 5:30pm**Treasurer's Report****\$1.634.14****Executive Board Hard at Work**

Your Executive Board has been working very diligently at revising the By-Laws and the Standing Rules and Procedures over the summer months. I will be sending you a separate e-mail with a copy of each of these which shows the changes we are proposing. These changes will be up for a vote at our September meeting.

We also have been discussing ways to recruit new members. We would encourage each of you to be a recruiter also and bring a new face to our next meeting.

Discussions have also been held on possible programs for future meetings. We are looking into getting speakers from the Speakers Bureau of the Florida State Genealogical Society. Is there a topic that might be of interest to you? Let us know.

**Don't Forget****Our September meeting has  
been changed to the 2nd****Thursday****September 13th**

## History in Our Hands...

by Curt B. Witcher

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As our summer days are waning, and many of our children and grandchildren are back in school, my thoughts turn again to all the great family information discovered and shared at reunions and other gatherings over the past several months. There is always such excitement when connecting with family, meeting new relatives, and sharing discoveries—whether from the recently released and indexed 1940 census or from a newly discovered photograph album. What happens after the initial excitement, though, remains a constant concern for me. Do we really appreciate that we have “history in our hands?” What happens to that family history is in our hands as well.

I encourage making a practice of actively archiving family information at least several times a year. Be creative when thinking of how to “archive” family data. Recall the LOCKSS mantra written about previously—lots of copies keeps stuff safe. Share those summer discoveries with family members who may not have been able to attend that recent reunion or who don’t have access to all the data and images shared at the reunion. Sharing family data widely creates an informal network of backups, which helps ensure that it will remain available for future generations.

Don’t just place that newly discovered information and those images in the piles of unrecorded and unfiled data that fill many of our studies, offices, and dining room tables. Organizing your discoveries, research, and conclusions, and inputting the information into a genealogical data management program, e.g. Family Tree Maker, Master Genealogist, Roots Magic, and the like, is another means of caring for the “history in our hands.”

Another different but amazing “history in our hands” moment happened mid-August. A colleague and friend from Historic Fort Wayne brought in a number of War of 1812 artifacts to complement the “Nation Forged by War” display that started getting attention in The Genealogy Center around the first of this month. Holding the artifacts and authentic reproductions in my hands gave me a renewed sense of what it meant for those of our ancestors who defended this country during its “second Revolutionary War.” The artifacts and authentic reproductions include:

chain shot, bar shot, and expanding bar shot that were fired from cannons to disable a ship’s rigging; a brass blunderbuss with flared muzzle; a shot and ball mold as well as a vent pick and brush; a wood and glass rumlet, captured from the captain of the Privateer L’Activ by American Captain Allenson; a sailor’s wooden rumlet; and a small black powder barrel and a powder horn. You simply must stop by to see them if you’re in the area.

My hands touched items that War of 1812 soldiers would have touched—truly “history in our hands.” How awesome is that?!  
[Note:

Nearly three hundred thousand War of 1812 pension images are available on [fold3.com](http://go.fold3.com/1812pensions/) for free use from anywhere in the world. It’s a good start. <<http://go.fold3.com/1812pensions/>>]

Finally, we know how newspapers are the chroniclers of the lives and times of people in a particular community. For a number of months, I have had the distinct pleasure and honor of serving with an extremely talented group of individuals on an advisory

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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 .

## Women In The Revolution

Bibliographic works are often overlooked and underappreciated by genealogists. In the rush to find specific names in compiled family histories and record extracts, researchers often fail to discover sources of a more general nature that could illuminate their ancestors' lives and place them into larger contexts. These sources are worth examining if for no other reason than they provide us with a more thorough understanding of the times in which our ancestors lived.

If we're lucky, they also may offer additional clues.

By gathering into a single source a listing of related books and articles, bibliographers perform an important service. They shine a spotlight on the obscure and present new avenues for historical inquiry. Such is the case with Eric Grundset's three-volume "America's Women in the Revolutionary Era: A History through Bibliography," published in 2011 by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (973.3 G925AM). In more than 3,000 pages, Grundset categorizes thousands of books, articles, published manuscripts, online sources, and dissertations that discuss or document women and girls at the time of the Revolutionary War.

The scope of the project is breathtaking. Volumes One and Two contain four parts: "General Studies;" "Women in the Family and in Society;"

"Women, Culture, Education, and the Creative Arts;" and "Women, Girls and the War Effort during the American Revolution." These four parts divide thirty chapters and a huge array of subheadings that cover a wide gamut of topics. Education, labor, paintings, toys, clothing, disease, death, abuse, childbirth, child rearing practices, illegitimacy, sexual relations, legal status issues, women's rights, foodways, folklore, domestic arts, courtship, divorce, camp following, and runaways represent just a fraction of the subjects covered.

Grundset devotes several chapters to both African-American and Native American women, including aspects of slavery, abolition, and domestic life for one, with sections devoted to specific tribes for the other.

Some subcategories contain references to specific women, including their roles as diarists, witnesses, and in performing specific occupations or skills. An index at the end of Volume Two lists not only these women, but also provides multiple cross references to the many subcategories. For example, if you have an interest in women as fortune-tellers during the Revolution, you will find that category along with related subjects and can locate easily a variety of references within the two volumes.

Volume Three takes all of the references found in the first two volumes and reorganizes them. The first part contains an alphabetical list of all of the authors, since they are not included in the index to the first two volumes. The second part sorts all mentioned published works chronologically by publication date, year by year.

This sorting allows researchers of a defined period – say the 1860s – to find specific works of interest, since that era may have influenced how a subject was treated.

Genealogists who limit their experience with these volumes by only delving into the indexes in search of ancestors will come away disappointed. But if they are writing a family history and want to know more about their eighteenth-century female ancestors – what they ate, how they educated their children, how they dealt with such personal issues as menstruation, and how they viewed the war around them, these volumes will lead to sources that provide a wealth of insight.

By John D Beatty

Genealogy Gems



A great big "THANK YOU" goes to Ruth Patrignani and Joanne Powell for the wonderful job they did with the display case in the lobby of the Library. I hope all of you had the opportunity to be in the library and see the display. Maybe this will spark the interest of some people and they will attend our next meeting.

I hope all of you plan on attending the Seminar in January. Put it on your Christmas Wish List. Tell your kids it would make a wonderful present for you and make it so easy for them.

The Annual Conference of the Florida State Genealogical Society in November in Deerfield Beach promises to be a very educational and exciting three days. I hope some of you will be able to attend. Rumor has it, next year's conference may be held in Daytona Beach.

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committee for the Indiana Historic Newspaper Digitization Project. With federal grant money, the Indiana State Library is working on digitizing over one hundred and twenty thousand pages of pre-1922 Indiana newspapers. When the first phase is complete, these historic newspapers will be freely available on the Library of Congress' "Chronicling America" website, as well as on the Indiana State Library's website. I can hardly wait to view these treasure troves of history from my own netbook. This outstanding project is being undertaken by a corps of dedicated professionals who are working hard to put "history in our hands."

**Genealogy Seminar**  
**Saturday, January 19, 2013**  
**African American Cultural Center**  
**Palm Coast, FL**

3 Seminars:

Discovering Your Female Ancestors

Overlooked Records for Hurdling the Census Chasm

Knocking Down Brick Walls

**Melissa Shimkus** began her career as a genealogy librarian in Tampa, FL. She currently coordinated programs and seminars held by The Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN. Her areas of interest are the southeastern United States, African American research, and the use of emerging technologies in genealogy which have led to her being co-administrator of the blog & Facebook

**The Best of Times**

**Genealogy + Technology**

Florida State Genealogy Society Annual Conference

November 8–10, 2012

Deerfield Beach, FL

Two nationally noted Keynote Speakers:

**Curt B Witcher**, Allen County Pub Lib.

**Thomas MacEntee**, High-Definition Gen

Several Other Workshop Leaders:

Paul Enchelmayer

Marlis Glaser Humphrey

Donna M Moughty

Ann Mohr Osisek

Deanna D Ramsey

Ann Staley, CG, CGL

Friday night Banquet speaker will be Hon. Nelson Bailey, 15th Judicial Circuit of Florida. He will provide an entertaining and informative presentation of the 500 years of Florida history.



## DAR Meeting

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 September 18, 2012. A representative from the League of Women Voters will discuss the proposed amendments and the merit increases. The public is invited. 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.



Jeanne Hausmann and Allie Goodwin

Judy Williams,  
Michael Williams  
Jeanne Hausmann  
At our June Social  
working on the an-  
swers to one of the  
games.

