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Next VCGS Meeting January 15, 2015

The speaker will be Nancy Long from "Lillian Place"

Volusia County Genealogical Society

December 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President, Cora May Hartzell. She asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Introduction of Guests – We had guests Joe Dowding, Terry Smith and Ron & Jean Dick who introduced themselves and told us where they were in their genealogy.

Approval of Minutes – Ruth Patrignani moved that we accept the minutes of the November meeting as published in the newsletter. Seconded by Martin Doughney. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report—Cora May gave the Treasurer's Report as provided by Kitty Consalvo. Deposits since last meeting \$224.90. Expenses \$6.39. Closing Balance \$1,867.12.

Slate of Officers—Ruth Patrignani reported the slate of officers as provided by the Nominating Committee Chairman Kitty Consalvo.

President – Cora May Hartzell

Vice President – Kim Dolce

Recording Secretary – Stephanie DiMatties

Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary – Kitty Consalvo

Director #3 – Miles Gardner

David Farris moved we approve this slate of officers. Seconded by Joyce Bailey. Motion carried.

Kim Dolce, vice president introduced the webinar by Crista Cowan on "Getting around the Missing 1890 Census".

A group picture was taken of everyone present at the meeting. The meeting was then adjourned to a scrumptious pot luck dinner. Several members provided recipes of their ancestors that were traditions in their family.

Respectfully submitted,

Cora May Hartzell

Acting Secretary

VCGS Society Calendar**Thursday, Jan 15, 2015 Board Meeting 5 pm****Thursday, Jan 15, 2015 General Meeting 6 pm**

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"Lillian Place"**

Volusia -Flagler Sister Societies

HGS Ormond Library - Jan 8th at 1:30 pm "Wills & Estates—Genealogy's Gold Mines—Jack Butler

GSSVC NSB Library, Jan 11th at 2:00 pm. "20th Century Military Research" by Larry Fermi

GSFC Palm Coast Flagler Library - Wednesday, Jan 14th at 5:30 pm



\$\$ Report by Treasurer Kitty Consalvo \$\$

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**Under The Weather**

I'm sorry that this issue of the newsletter is so late. It also will not be the usual 7-8 pages. I have been under the weather for the past two weeks and just was not able to get it published. Things are starting to get better but not up to par yet. Thanks for your understanding.



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Write It Down and Write it Up!

We've mentioned it before, but it does not hurt to repeat it.

Write down everything. Do not hesitate and do not wait. I was reviewing a War of 1812 pension file that I had printed out several months ago and when reading it I wondered how I can connected the pensioner to the actual relative.

And nowhere in my notes was that line of thought or reasoning. I had not written down my conclusions, even in a tentative fashion.

Now I have to go back and do that research over again instead of reviewing what I had already done-which

January 24, 2015

Have you sent in your reservation yet? If not think about turning it in at the meeting on Thursday. That will be the last day that we can take reservations. It should be a very interesting and informative day.



Kim introducing the Webinar

Martin Doughney. Miles Gardner, Judy Williams and Michael Williams at the scrumptious pot luck dinner.



Are You Seeing the Shadows?

That one record you've found, a deed, a death certificate, a will, an estate settlement, probably was created because something else happened. For some documents it may be obvious what caused the document to have been created. But a deed? Why was the property being sold? Was the couple planning to move? Had they fallen on hard times? If a guardianship was filed and the parents were still alive, what was the reason? Was there an inheritance that someone didn't want a parent frittering away?

Always ask if what you are seeing or have located is just the shadow of a larger event. Records weren't created in isolation. And even if you know what caused a document to have been created ask yourself what other documents might also have been created.

Michael John Neill

Genealogy Roadshow: Season two in the U.S.

This week is the beginning of season two of Genealogy Roadshow on PBS in the United States.

The Findmypast family could not be happier to see this show on air! Not only are we going to be treated to fantastic family history stories and lessons in American history, our very own **D. Joshua Taylor, Director of Family History at Findmypast**, is one of the featured genealogists on the series.

Audiences across the nation were teased with just four episodes last year, but 2015 will include six, as the first full season. Featuring family stories from New Orleans, Philadelphia, and St. Louis, Findmypast was honored to be in attendance in each city when the show was filmed.

From the [Genealogy Roadshow website](#);

“Part detective story, part emotional journey, *Genealogy Roadshow* combines history and science to uncover the fascinating stories of diverse Americans. Each individual’s past links to a larger community history, revealing the rich cultural tapestry of America.”

Findmypast is excited to announce that during this year’s season, we will be hosting a live Twitter chat. These conversations will occur from 8pm – 9pm Eastern, and you can participate by following our [US Twitter account](#), and using the #FMPRoadshow hashtag. We are anticipating incredible family history discussions as each episode progresses, and hope that you will join in the fun.

Have You Made the Evidence More Permanent?

A friend and I were joking around on Facebook about using tire tracks in the snow as permanent evidence of something and it got me to thinking.

Have I converted all my "evidence" into a more permanent format? While I obviously don't have my information in the snow, some of it is stored in just as fragile of a way. Memories that are only in my head, photographs I have the only copy of, research conclusions that I've not written up. They could all easily be gone in a moment.

When the snow melts, those tire tracks are gone--and so is the evidence that a vehicle passed through.

Are there things you need to preserve before the sun comes out?

Michael John Neill

Buried Separately?

One of my ancestral families and all their children and their children's spouses are buried in the same rural cemetery. The only exception is their daughter who died in her teens and is buried in a separate cemetery. The parents died in the 1880s and the other children died between 1895 and 1920. The daughter died in the 1860s before the cemetery where the others are buried was established.

Never assume just because it looks like all of a family is buried in one cemetery that that they all are buried in one cemetery. There could be another child or sibling permanently lurking nearby.

Read the Preface?

Published genealogical abstracts and records transcriptions often have a preface. The preface can include information about the condition of the records, their perceived accuracy, missing records, and other general background information.

It always pays to read the preface the first you use any printed compilation of records.

Michael John Neil

Mark Your Calendar

The Volusia-Flagler Council of Genealogical Societies, of which VCGS is a member, is sponsoring an upcoming seminar on Saturday, January 24, 2015, from 9 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at The Club at Pelican Bay in Daytona Beach. Claire Bettag, a certified genealogist and a 2014 APG* achievement award recipient from Washington, DC will be the guest speaker. A continental breakfast and luncheon will be served. More information will be coming soon. A registration form is attached to this newsletter.



Group Picture—December 2014

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