



# THE REGISTER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

OF

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH BREVARD, INC.

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## GENEALOGY WORKSHOP SATURDAY, JANUARY 5TH

Sponsored by the Brevard County Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and five Brevard chapters of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), the workshop will be held at the Central Brevard Library & Reference Center (308 Forrest Avenue, Cocoa) from 10 am to noon. Other participating groups include the Rockledge Family History Center, the Brevard Genealogical Society and the Indian River Genealogical Society.

Certified Genealogist **Michael Boonstra** will be the featured speaker.

Experienced volunteers will be on hand to answer specific questions and/or to help you prepare your SAR or NSDAR applications.

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## GSNB DUES ARE DUE

According to our by-laws, "Dues shall be payable on or before the regular meeting in January. Those who have paid their dues for the coming year include: **Patrick & Artie Bowers, Laura Conner, Jennine Corridan, Sheila Etheridge, Chris Fairey, Dorman Lowry, Beverly MacRae, Barbara Maloney, Agnes Meyer, Jim & Barbara Ragusa, Gwen S. Read, Nancy Sieck, Ed & Nettie Swan, and Bill & Natalie Walls.** Life Member, **Randy Hill** is credited with having paid his 2008 dues.

Dues may be paid at any meeting, GSNB-sponsored event or by mail.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO BE HELD TONIGHT

The Nominating Committee will tonight present the following slate of officers:

**President - Patrick Bowers**

**Vice-president - Marty Noffel**

**Secretary - Carol Eilers**

**Treasurer - Jackie Palmer**

**Historian - Barbara Maloney**

## FAMILY HISTORY CENTER WILL BE CLOSED

**18 December - 1 January**

The Family History Center in Rockledge (1801 South Fiske Blvd.) will close on Saturday, December 15th at 4 pm and not reopen until 9 am on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Films due to be returned during this down time will be sent back to the Family History Library unless extended prior to closing.

The Center Director, **John Whitney** and his staff wish you a Merry Christmas!

## GENEALOGY THIS MONTH IN BREVARD

The **Brevard Genealogical Society** meets the second Monday of each month at 9:30 am in the Meeting Room at the Central Brevard Library and Reference Center (308 Forrest Ave., Cocoa.) This month's meeting will be held on **December 10th** with the installation of officers and board members and an end of the year celebration.

The **Genealogical Society of South Brevard** meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Melbourne Public Library (540 Fee Ave.) This month's meeting will be held on **December 12th** beginning 9:30 am and will be their annual Christmas party.

## ALTERNATIVES TO SUBSCRIPTION WEB SITES

You might be surprised to learn that some of the data and records offered by those expensive subscription services (including Ancestry.com) are available elsewhere online for free.

1901, 1906 & 1911 Canadian censuses  
[automatedgenealogy.com](http://automatedgenealogy.com)

California Death Index (1940-1997)  
[vitals.rootsweb.com/ca/death/search.cgi](http://vitals.rootsweb.com/ca/death/search.cgi)

Maine Death Index (1960-1997)  
Maine Marriages (1892-1996)  
[www.maine.gov/sos/arc](http://www.maine.gov/sos/arc)

Minnesota Death Index (1904-2001)  
[www.mnhs.org](http://www.mnhs.org)

Ohio Death Index (1913-1944)  
[www.ohiohistory.org/dindex](http://www.ohiohistory.org/dindex)

Minnesota Cemetery Inscription Index  
Minnesota County History Name Index  
Minnesota Newspaper Headline Index  
Minnesota Civil War Soldiers  
[www.dalbydata.com](http://www.dalbydata.com)

Texas Deaths (1964-1998)  
[vitals.rootsweb.com/tx/death/search.cgi](http://vitals.rootsweb.com/tx/death/search.cgi)  
Social Security Death Index  
[ssdi.rootsweb.com](http://ssdi.rootsweb.com)

Colorado Archive Online Indexes  
[www.colorado.gov/dpa/doitt/archives/online.htm](http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doitt/archives/online.htm)  
American State Papers  
US Serial Set  
[memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lawhome.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lawhome.html)  
WPA slave narratives  
[memory.loc.gov/ammem/snhtml/snhome.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/snhtml/snhome.html)

## INTERNET ARCHIVE THE WAYBACK MACHINE

Web sites come and go. When they go you get the dreaded message that the page cannot be found. However, there's a better-than-even chance you can still find the page using the Wayback Machine. Eighty-five billion web pages can be accessed.

Go to [www.waybackmachine.org](http://www.waybackmachine.org) and enter the URL. If you're lucky, you'll get a link to take you to the archived version.

## JANUARY MEETING ON 2ND NOT 1ST TUESDAY

Since the library will be closed on New Year's Day, next month's meeting will be held on the second Tuesday, January 8th.

## MULTI-MEDIA RECORDING

Want to transfer your old home movies, slides or photographs to CD or DVD? Ron Volbrecht can do it for you.

Since he lives in Melbourne, you won't have to risk your originals to the postal service. With his equipment he can transfer Any reel-to-reel, micro cassette, cassette or 8 track to CD

Any 8 or 16 mm, slide or photo to DVD  
Any laser disc, any beta, u-matic, 8 mm or VHS tape to DVD

If you have old records (78s, LPs or 45s), he can transfer them to cassette or CD, too!

For more information, contact Ron. His home phone number is 723-7123 and his pager is 634-8316.

Unfortunately, Ron declined our invitation to present a program on the services he is equipped to provide, but he did supply the above information.

## TITUSVILLE COMPUTER CLUB meets monthly

2nd & 4th Thursday, 7 pm  
St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church  
(414 Pine St., Titusville)  
Visitors always welcome!

## The GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH BREVARD, INC.

is a non-profit corporation chartered by the State of Florida. It is affiliated with the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the Florida State Genealogical Society, Inc., and the National Genealogical Society.  
Dues: \$15/person or \$20/family per year  
Web site: [www.rootsweb.com/~flgsnb](http://www.rootsweb.com/~flgsnb)

## A Genealogist's Christmas Eve



'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even my spouse.

The dining room table with clutter was spread  
with pedigree charts and with letters which said. . .

"Too bad about the data for which you wrote  
Sank in a storm on an ill-fated boat."

Stacks of old copies of wills and the such  
were proof that my work had become much too much.

Our children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads.

And I at my table was ready to drop  
From work on my album with photos to crop.

Christmas was here, and of such was my lot  
That presents and goodies and toys I'd forgot.

Had I not been so busy with grandparents' wills,  
I'd not have forgotten to shop for such thrills.

While others had bought gifts that would bring Christmas cheer,  
I'd spent time researching those birthdates and years.

While I was thus musing about my sad plight,  
A strange noise on the lawn gave me such a great fright.

Away to the window I flew in a flash,  
Tore open the drapes and I yanked up the sash.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But an overstuffed sleigh and eight small reindeer.

Up to the housetop the reindeer they flew,  
With a sleigh full of toys, and 'ole Santa Claus, too.

And then in a twinkie, I heard on the roof  
The prancing and pawing of thirty-two hoofs.

The TV antenna was no match for their horns,  
And look at our roof with hoof-prints adorned.

As I drew in my head, and bumped it on the sash,  
Down the cold chimney fell Santa - KER-RASH!

"Dear" Santa had come from the roof in a wreck,  
And tracked soot on the carpet, (I could wring his short neck!)

Spotting my face, good old Santa could see  
I had no Christmas spirit you'd have to agree.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work  
And filled all the stockings, (I felt like a jerk).

Here was Santa, who'd brought us such gladness and joy;  
When I'd been too busy for even one toy.

He spied my research on the table all spread  
"A genealogist!" He cried! (My face was all red!)

Tonight I've met many like you, Santa grinned.  
As he pulled from his sack a large book he had penned.

I gazed with amazement - the cover it read  
"Genealogy Lines for Which You Have Plead."

"I know what it's like as a genealogy bug,"  
He said as he gave me a great Santa hug.

While the elves make the sleighful of toys I now carry,  
I do some research in the North Pole Library!"

"A special treat I am thus able to bring,  
To genealogy folks who can't find a thing."

"Now off you go to your bed for a rest,  
I'll clean up the house from this genealogy mess."

As I climbed up the stairs full of gladness and glee,  
I looked back at Santa who'd brought much to me.

While settling in bed, I heard Santa's clear whistle,  
To his team, which then rose like the down of a thistle.

And I heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight,  
"Family History is Fun! Merry Christmas! Goodnight!"

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#### BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, 18 December  
6 to 9 pm

#### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 8 January  
7 - 9 pm

Speaker: **Patrick H. Bowers**

Topic: Research Using Genealogy CD's

**Jacob Hannemann Memorial Room**

**Titusville Public Library**

**(2121 South Hopkins Ave)**