



# THE REGISTER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
OF

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH BREVARD, INC.  
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<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flgsnb>

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## WHY CREATE A GENEALOGY WEBSITE

**Scott Shenton**, a resident of the Space Coast for over 20 years has been researching his family's history for about 10 years. The basis of his research is a handwritten document of nine pages pertaining to the descendants of Edward Shenton (1794-1855). He suspects it was his Greataunt Dora who penned the family history.

Scott is a member of the Genealogical Society of South Brevard, the Lehigh County [PA] Historical Society and the Leicestershire & Rutland [England] Family History Society. He is also a frequent researcher at the Family History Center in Rockledge.

One of the purposes of his website is to "act as a stimulus for other Shenton researchers" and he welcomes "any and all input" from those who are researching the Shenton surname.

Visit his website at  
<http://genealogy.shenton.org>

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE NAMED

In accordance with our by-laws, **Patrick Bowers** has appointed a nominating committee. Agreeing to serve on this committee are **Dolores Nedimeyer, Marty Noffel, Lorene Shafer** and **Nancy Sieck**. This committee is charged with finding members willing to serve (if elected) as officers for the fiscal year beginning in January 2008.

If you currently hold an office and would like to continue serving in that capacity, please contact one of the above-named members. If you have an interest in serving as an officer, please do not hesitate to let the Nominating Committee know. If you are asked to serve as an officer, please consider doing so.

## FAMILY HISTORY CENTER ANNOUNCES NEW HOURS

Currently the Family History Center is closed on Tuesday evenings and open on Wednesday evenings. However, beginning on the first of July it will be open on Tuesday evenings, but closed on Wednesday evenings. Hours of operation after 1 July will be:

**Tuesdays - 9 to 5 pm, 6:30 to 9 pm**

**Wednesdays - 9 am to 5 pm**

**Thursdays - 9 am to 1 pm, 6:30 to 9 pm**

**Fridays - 9 am to 1 pm**

**Saturdays - 10 am to 4 pm**

## 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 **June 11th** and will be a workshop pertaining to the BGS Surname Project led by **Barbara Maloney**.

The **Genealogical Society of South Brevard** meets the second Wednesday of each month (except in July & August) at the Melbourne Public Library (540 Fee Ave.) This month's meeting will be held on **June 13th** beginning 9:30 am. The program entitled *Unconventional Genealogy Research: Of Privies & Progenitors* will be presented by **Paul Enchelmayer**, President of the Central Florida Genealogical Society.

The **French and Canadian Heritage Society of Central Florida** meets the third Monday of each month at the Melbourne Public Library (540 Fee Ave.) from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. This month's meeting will be held on **June 18th**. A sharing session addressing the subject of *Brick Wall Tricks* is planned.



## RANDOM ACTS OF GENEALOGICAL KINDNESS

RAOGK is a volunteer organization developed to help people further their genealogical research. Many researchers have the need to obtain documentation and/or information that is not easily accessible without traveling to do the research on site.

Thanks to RAOGK volunteers, information that would otherwise be inaccessible is an e-mail away. With 4000 volunteers in the U.S. and some international locations RAOGK volunteers have helped thousands of researchers.

The RAOGK website [[www.raogk.org](http://www.raogk.org)] provides the connection between the researcher and the volunteer. Volunteers have agreed to do provide specific genealogical research tasks in their respective localities. All they ask is reimbursement for their out-of-pocket expenses. Expenses include such items as coping costs, postage, public transportation fares or gas mileage (up to 50¢ per mile.)

With RAOGK you don't have to make long distance phone calls, you don't have to mail a non-refundable research fee for a document you weren't sure existed in the first place, and you don't have to wait to contact the proper offices during working hours. RAOGK is an active 24/7 site that you can use any time.

The site is user-friendly. After arriving at the site, do read "Frequently Asked Questions" under the heading of "Looking for a volunteer." Below the answer to the last question, you will find a box containing "Let's go find a volunteer." Clicking on it will take you to a table of states in the U.S. Click on the state and then on the county to locate a volunteer.

Below the table of states you will find a table of countries. Again, clicking on the country will take you to a listing of volunteers.

Do NOT request the same information from more than one volunteer listed in a given area at the same time. That is frowned upon!

## SUMMER WORKSHOPS TO BE HELD IN JULY & AUGUST

In lieu of regular Brevard Genealogical Society meetings during the summer months, BGS has scheduled workshops for the second Mondays in July and August. Like their regular meetings they will be held at the Central Brevard Library and Reference Center in Cocoa and will begin at 9:30 a.m.

On **July 9th**, **Betty Eichhorn** will conduct a workshop pertaining to researching your ancestors who served in World War II or the Civilian Conservation Corps. Sources for obtaining records for both will be presented.

On **August 13th**, a panel of experts will attempt to find a way through, over or around your "Brick Wall." If you want to have them work on your problem, send details to **Barbara Maloney** <[BMAL1487@aol.com](mailto:BMAL1487@aol.com)> or 1481 N Washington Ave., #103, Titusville, FL 32796.

## RECYCLE YOUR EMPTY INK & TONER CARTRIDGES

Over the summer don't forget to save your empty computer ink cartridges and photocopy machine toner cartridges. Environmental Cartridge Control of Titusville will pay GSNB \$1 for each computer cartridge and \$2 for each toner cartridge we collect.

**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)



## THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

by Marty Noffel

I would like to offer a special thanks to those who have so graciously contributed to making the refreshment and social part of our meetings a success.

The Bowers always contribute candy and **Artie Bowers** helps with set up and clean up each meeting. Those who have signed up to bring refreshments and those who have contributed without being asked are: **Jackie Palmer, Elaine Harvey, Carol Eilers, Pat Porter, Mischele Scherf** and **Carol Gainer**.

If I have overlooked anyone, please let me know. I just wanted everyone to know those who have helped and how much you are appreciated.

### ELAINE HARVEY MAKES MOST GENEROUS DONATION TO CD COLLECTION

The following CD titles were recently donated to our Society by **Elaine Harvey**:

1881 Canadian Census

1880 U.S. Census

1851 British Census

1881 British Census & National Index

West European Vital Records Index

British Isles Vital Records Index

Australian Vital Records Index (1788-1905)

British Isles Vital Records Index

North American Vital Records Index (1631-1888) and

100 more disks from the Pedigree Resource File

Because of the large number of disks involved it would be too labor intensive to copy the CDs and add them to the Society's collection. Each title is currently arranged in its own binder.

The Board is open to suggestions as to how the data can be made available to the membership. If you have an idea, please contact **Patrick Bowers** by phone (636-3089) or e-mail at <phbowers@covad.net>

## COMING SOON TO FAMILY HISTORY CENTERS

**Heritage Quest** will soon be available at the Family History Center in Rockledge. This will provide access to:

Most of U.S. Federal Censuses, over 20,000 Genealogy and Local History Books, the Periodical Source Index (PERSI), Revolutionary War Pension Application Records and Bounty-Land Warrants, and the Freedman's Bank Records.

The Family History Library has also reached agreements with World Vital Records, Kindred Konnections and the Godfrey Memorial Library to provide access to these online subscription services.

Included in the **World Vital Records** [worldvitalrecords.com] a subscription service which costs individuals \$49.95/year are:

**Everton's Online Library** including 3.6 million names from family group sheets and pedigree files and 200 issues of "The Helper"

An **International Parish Register Collection**, the largest one on the web

**Quintin CDROM Library** which includes 10,000 databases that would cost over \$4000 if the CD's were purchased separately and

**SmallTownPapers®**, a searchable digital archive of small-town newspapers some dating back to 1846.

You will be able to search the world's largest (233,375,882 at last count) pedigree-linked database, at **KindredKonnections** [kindredkonnections.com] Subscription to this service costs subscribers \$15/mo, \$35/3 mo or \$100/year.

Access to the **Godfrey Memorial Library** which is best known as the owner and publisher of the American Genealogical Biographical Index will provide access to thousands of databases some of which are available nowhere else on the Internet. Until it becomes available via the Family History Center it is available only through yearly memberships of \$35/year.



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#### BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday, 19 June, 4-6 pm  
Tuesday, 21 August, 4-6 pm  
Parrish Health & Fitness Center  
(2210 Hwy 50)

#### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 4 September  
7 - 9 pm

Speaker: Nancy C. Sieck  
Topic: *Using Ancestry and  
Heritage Quest*

Jacob Hannemann Memorial Room  
Titusville Public Library  
(2121 South Hopkins Ave)

Remember, GSNB does not meet in July or August