



THE REGISTER

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OF

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WE WELCOME

BGS PRESIDENT DEE SWINK

Dee Swink has most graciously agreed to take time out from her busy schedule as the President of the Brevard Genealogical Society (BGS) to share her knowledge on *Tracing Your Roots Down the Great Philadelphia Wagon Road* with us this evening. She gave a program on the same subject at the BGS meeting in March. It was well-received!

SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TONIGHT

In accordance with our Article VII, Section 5 of our by-laws, "A vacancy in any elective position shall be filled by a special election until the next regular election..."

At our December meeting, the Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers which will include **Barbara Maloney** who has agreed to serve (if elected) as Historian in 2008. She also has agreed to fill the same office which has been vacant since December 2006. Thank you, Barbara!

"SAVE ELLIS ISLAND"

Genealogists are intimately familiar with the restoration of the Great Hall on Ellis Island which is now known as the Ellis Island Immigration Museum.

Those behind the "Save Ellis Island" national fundraising campaign hope to raise enough to restore the deteriorating buildings that remain.

You can visit the campaign Website <www.weareellisland.com> to share your family's Ellis Island story and/or upload pictures. Genealogists are also asked to get involved by spreading the word and donating to this effort.

GENEALOGY THIS MONTH IN BREVARD

The **Brevard Genealogical Society** normally 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.) Because the library will be closed on the second Monday in observance of Columbus Day, October's meeting will be held on the following Monday, **October 15th**. The speaker will be **Paul Enchelmayer** and his topic will be *Unconventional Genealogical Research: Of Privies and Progenitors*.

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 **October 10th** beginning 9:30 am. **Marceita Hoffmann** will present a program on the Hindman Settlement School which is located in eastern Kentucky. She will share the story of her family and its involvement in the founding of this school.

The **French and Canadian Heritage Society of Central Florida** meets the third Monday of each month at the Melbourne Public Library (540 Fee Ave.) This month's meeting will be held on **October 15th** beginning at 9:30 a.m.

STAPLES REWARDS

Thanks to you who shop at Staples and use your Staples Rewards cards, last month's newsletter was printed free. Not only that, but we have a rewards balance which will pay for the printing this month's newsletter and those for November and December, too!

The next time you shop at Staples, thank them for their Rewards Program!

NOW AVAILABLE AT THE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

Heritage Quest which allows searches of the US Census images (1790-1930)
22,000 family and local histories
Periodical Source Index (PERSI)
Revolutionary War Pension & Bounty-land
Warrant Application files
Freedman's Bank (1865-1874) records and
U.S. Serial Set

Also now available are:

FamilyLink a social network for
genealogists

Godfrey Memorial Library - This library which was established in 1947 in Middletown, CT is the home of the American Genealogical Biographical Index. It offers online subscription access to a wide selection of databases.

World Vital Records which has partnered with **Everton Online** offers a International Parish Register Collection, Newspaper ARCHIVE, Find-A-Grave and the Quinton CDROM Library

Also now available is **Footnote.com**, another genealogy site previously available only by subscription.

Yet to become available are two Swedish research related sites:

Genline.com and **Genline.se** and **Kindred Konnections** which is advertised as the largest pedigree-linked database on the Internet.

TITUSVILLE COMPUTER CLUB

meets monthly

2nd & 4th Thursday, 7 pm

St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church
(414 Pine St., Titusville)

Visitors always welcome!

FSGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 9 - 10 November, 2007

This year's Florida State Genealogical Society's conference which will be held at the Sheraton Orlando (60 South Ivanhoe Blvd) in downtown Orlando will feature two nationally-known speaker's.

Dr. Thomas Shawker is a physician at the National Institutes of Health, serves as the Chairman of the National Genealogical Society Family Health and Heredity Committee and is the author of *Unlocking your Genetic History: A step-by-step Guide to Discovering your Family's Medical and Genetic Heritage* which is a title in the National Genealogical Society's book series. His topics at the conference will be *DNA Testing: The Very, Very Basics* and *Race, Ethnicity and Ancestry: Genetic Genealogy & DNATesting*.

Patricia O'Brien Shawker is a Certified Genealogist whose specializes in Maryland genealogy and research at the National Archives (NARA). Her topics will be *Passport Applications* and *NARA Records: A Case Study*.

Other speakers include **Jack Butler; Alvie L. Davidson, CG; Greg B. Gronlund, MLS; Donna M. Moughty; Ann Mohr Osisek; Mary Patric Parker; Elaine Powell** and **Deanna D. Ramsey**. Topics cover a wide range of subjects of general interest to genealogists.

Registration forms must be postmarked by 16 October to avoid a late fee. For more information check the FSGS website

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flsgs/>

Flyers are available in the Genealogy¹¹ Section of the Tituville Public Library.

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FAMILY TREE MAKER ON WINDOWS VISTA

by **Carol Anderson**

Recently I purchased a new computer with the Windows Vista operating system, thinking to keep up with the times. (I was previously running Windows XP Professional.) I quickly learned that my Family Tree Maker 16 wasn't working on the new system, and that I had to download and install a free update from Family Tree Maker. If you find yourself in the same position, you may find this helpful.

A link to a step-by-step guide (with pictures!) may be found at this site: http://pastftm.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/pastftm.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php.

Click on #1 "Family Tree Maker Update for Windows Vista" This update is intended for Family Tree Maker 2005, 2006, and 16. I printed out the steps and had no trouble following them - soon I was happily entering data in my FTM program again!

I'm hoping that Family Tree Maker 2008 will come already compliant with Windows Vista.

Editors note: This article appeared in the current issue of KINSEEKERS' QUARTERLY which is published by the genealogical society in Lakeland.

GEORGE CARPENTER RESIGNS AS GSNB WEBMASTER

Upon receipt of George's notice of his intention to resign, President Patrick Bowers wrote: "You have done an outstanding job in establishing and maintaining our website. We are very proud to have a site that informs our members and the public of our activities. It is an asset that was needed for a long time. All involved appreciate the time and effort that you spent in developing the site. "

George has volunteered to continue to post our newsletters on the website until the end of the year. He will not be easy to replace, but replace we must. If you are interested in the job, please contact Patrick.

YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!

The Nominating Committee is one volunteer short of being able present a full slate of officers for 2008. **Marty Noffel** has agreed to serve as Vice-president (in charge of programs) or as Treasurer. If you are willing to serve as one, she'll serve as the other. Both the Treasurer and the Vice-president also serve as members of the Executive Board.

If you are willing to serve in either office, please contact **Dolores Nedimeyer** (269-1878), **Marty Noffel** (383-8486), **Lorene Shafer** (267-2224) or **Nancy Sieck** (433-2070)

IL / IN G.A.R. ANCESTOR?

Founded in 1866, the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) became the largest association of Civil War Union veterans. The following two books contain death records of approximately 55,000 G.A.R. members.

Indiana Civil War Veterans: Transcription of the Death Rolls of the Department of Indiana, Grand Army of the Republic, 1882-1948 by **Dennis Northcott**

Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Illinois: Transcription of the Death Rolls, 1879-1947 by **Dennis Northcott & Thomas Brooks**

More information is available at:

www.ngpublications.com

GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH

1. Never accept someone else's opinion as "fact."
2. Always verify with primary sources.
3. Cite your sources!
4. If you use the works of others, always give credit.
5. Assumptions and "educated guesses" are acceptable in genealogy as long as they are clearly labeled as such.
6. Be open to corrections.
7. Respect the privacy of living individuals.
8. Keep "family secrets."
9. Protect original documents.

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BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, 16 October
6 to 9 pm

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 6 November
7 - 9 pm

Speaker: Rich Shader

Topic: *The Scottish Mayflower*

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

2007 Family History Seminar on 3 November - Don't miss it!