

THE REGISTER

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RESEARCH USING GENEALOGY CD'S

One of the outstanding benefits of membership in our society is the access we have to a collection of over 300 genealogical CD's. CD's may be checked out at any meeting for use at home and returned at the next month's meeting.

Approximately half of the CD's run on Family Tree Maker software and 57 can be read with the LDS Family History Resource File Viewer. The collection also includes *the digitized New England Historical and Genealogical Register*.

Our president, **Patrick Bowers** has developed this collection from donations made by GSNB members and purchases on his part. The CD's checked out are copies of the originals which Patrick keeps in case a disk is damaged or lost. He, also, transports the collection to and from our meetings.

Tonight Patrick will give an overview of the collection, demonstrate searching several of the databases and answer any questions you may have about using the collection.

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER RESUMES NORMAL HOURS

The Family History Center which is located at 1801 South Fiske Blvd. in Rockledge has resumed the following hours of operation:

Tuesdays – 9 am to 1 pm, 6:30-9 pm
Wednesdays – 9 am to 5 pm, 6:30-9 pm
Thursdays & Fridays – 9 am to 1 pm
Saturdays – 10 am to 4 pm

The Director, **John Whitney** and his staff of volunteer librarians wish you "Happy Hunting in 2008!"

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Our sincere sympathy
to the family of

GSNB Member
William Henry "Bill" Earnest

Who departed this life
30 November 2007

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2008 DUES ARE DUE

According to our bylaws which were amended in March 2006, Article II, Section 7 states "The calendar year shall begin January 1. Dues will be payable on or before the regular meeting in January. Members who join after September 1st shall be credited with dues paid for the following year."

Paying dues at the December meeting were **Helen Case, Clarence & Carol Clarke, Mary Ellen Dugan, Carol Eilers, Jean W. Gayle, B.J. & Ryan Hill, Philip Houghkerk, French Johnson, Nancy Kennedy, R. G. Ruffe, and Thomas J. Vaughn**. Paying dues by mail include **Frances Askew, Barbara Batchelder, Russell & Grace Bausch, Patti Kirk and Carla Ledford**.

If you paid dues since 1 September, and your name does not appear above or in the list printed in last month's newsletter, contact our Treasurer, **Jackie Palmer** (383-1877).

Dues may be paid at any meeting, GSNB-sponsored event or by mail. Membership now stands at 40! Make checks or money orders payable to GSNB, Inc.

LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN WELDON

December 3, 2007

Knowing of our shared interest in banning internet taxes, I wanted to update you on recent action in the U.S. House.

As a cosponsor of H.R. 743, The Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act, which would permanently prohibit taxes from being levied on Internet access fees, I am very much opposed to Internet taxes. This bill would also prohibit multiple jurisdictions from imposing sales taxes on a single purchase, and would prohibit taxes from being levied on purchases that would not normally be taxed if purchased at a store. It is important that Internet access charges not become like our phone bill that is currently overburdened with additional fees and taxes.

While I believe that this tax prohibition should be permanent, there are some in Washington who disagree. The original House passed version (H.R. 3678) only extended the ban for four years; the Senate passed a seven-year ban. Fortunately we were able to persuade a majority of the House to agree to the Senate's seven-year ban. We passed it with overwhelming support on October 29, 2007. President Bush signed the bill into law on October 31, 2007. Though less than I had hoped for, I voted for the seven year extension, but will continue to advocate for a permanent ban.

Note: Congressman Weldon's address is 2347 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 if you would like to respond to this letter. Or you can write to him at his district office which is located in the Brevard County Government Complex, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Bldg C, Melbourne, FL 32940.

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

BGS GENEALOGY COURSE 24 JANUARY TO 28 FEBRUARY

This course has been designed to teach students how to find and document their relatives back through their great-grandparents. Emphasis is placed on family resources, whole family research and source documentation. Instruction is provided on how to find original documents, how to do library research and how to file and store documents.

Classes will be held on Thursdays from 9:30 to noon in Room 1 of the Central Brevard Library & Reference Center which is located at 308 Forrest Ave. in Cocoa.

Registration for the course includes membership in the Brevard Genealogical Society. Tuition is \$30 per individual or \$45 per couple. BGS members pay only \$10 per individual or \$20 per couple.

Registration forms may be downloaded at the BGS website:

<http://rootsweb.com/~flbgs/>

STAPLES REWARDS

Thanks to Staples' Rewards program and all our members who use their cards when purchasing office supplies from Staples, our society saved \$336.03 during 2007. Not only that we have a balance of \$65.84 on our cash card to carry over to 2008!

Next time you are in Staples, tell them you really appreciate their Rewards program and keep using your cards when shopping at Staples! Don't have a card? Let Nancy Sieck know. She'll see that you get one!

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Dues: \$15/person or \$20/family per year
Website: www.rootsweb.com/~flgsnb



INDIAN RIVER GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Annual Valentine Seminar

proudly presents

Stephen P. Morse of San Francisco

A nationally recognized genealogical and computer speaker, Mr. Morse is the creator of One-Step Webpages, a useful tool for many online genealogical databases, such as Ellis Island, the 1930 US Federal Census and many more. His computer skills make him one of the most sought after speakers in the current world of online family history research.

Mr. Morse will give 3 lectures all of which will cover information for the beginner to advanced family historians.

Please take a peek at his website for more information : <<http://www.stevemorse.org>>

FEBRUARY 9, 2008 at the state of the art Richardson Center, Indian River Community College, 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach, Florida

***9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Continental breakfast and lunch included
(Program begins promptly at 9:30 AM)***

Cost is only \$35.00 for the entire day, so you can bring a friend and introduce them to one of the top national genealogy speakers of today.

**HURRY AND SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION, SEATING IS LIMITED
AND WILL FILL UP QUICKLY! (Deadline to ensure lunch is Feb 1st, 2008**

Yes, I want to attend! Reserve a seat for: How many @ \$35.00 each? _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

Make checks payable to: ***IRGS***, and mail to PO Box 1850, Vero Beach, Fl 32960

Please direct questions to Cindy Hineman Davis at ourtime2@bellsouth.net , use subject of message as: Valentine Seminar. You may also call 772 564-8999.

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BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, 15 January
6 to 9 pm

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, 5 February
7 to 9 pm

Speaker: **Dr. Rachel Wentz**
Topic: **Windover Archaeological Dig**

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