



THE REGISTER

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OF

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH BREVARD, INC.

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"COURTHOUSE RECORDS"

Our guest speaker tonight is **Thana Cottrell**. Technical assistance will be provided by her husband, T.C. Cottrell. Her program will focus on preparing for courthouse research, the types of records to be found, and how to use the records to establish relationships and broaden your research. Thana is currently the Treasurer of the Brevard Genealogy Society.



Our Nancy Sieck became aware of a medical problem in early March. A preliminary CT scan indicated a potentiality of cancer. Multiple tests were conducted to diagnose condition but results were inconclusive. Radiation treatments were begun as an early treatment option. A biopsy was then performed which confirmed cancer. Chemotherapy will begin at completion of radiation treatments.

The cancer and treatments limits her stamina and endurance. Nancy has a positive attitude and outlook. She is doing everything she can to conquer the cancer.

NANCY SIECK

Nancy has given permission for the above information on her medical condition to be presented in our newsletter.

She is willing to receive emails and telephone calls.

Please keep Nancy in your thoughts and prayers.

GENEALOGY THIS MONTH IN BREVARD

The **Brevard Genealogical Society** meets the second Monday of each month at 9:30 am in the Meeting Room of the Central Brevard Library and Reference Center (308 Forrest Ave., Cocoa.) This month's meeting will be held on **May 12th**.

Mary Read Kiser Cooper, Governor of the South Florida Company of the Jamestown Society, will present "Jamestown: Where It All Began". Jamestown in Virginia was established May 14, 1607, four hundred and one years ago. It was the first English settlement that survived on this continent

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 **May 14th** beginning at 9:30 am. **Ann Mohr Osisek**, President of Florida State Genealogical Society, will present "Backing Up to the Boat-Immigration and Naturalization". Ann is well known in Central Florida genealogy circles and is a sought after speaker.

WEBSITES CD

Sheila Winkelspecht provided 10 copies of "Family History Library Favorite Websites" CD at our April meeting. They were given to members that would make additional copies for the membership. The CD contains websites in multiple categories that would require 370 pages to print. Each website has an address (URL) that can be "clicked" on for internet connection. Some additional copies of the CD should be available this meeting.

WOMAN USES ROOTSWEB TO COMMIT IDENTITY THEFT

Federal prosecutors this week charged a Southern California woman with aggravated identity theft and other crimes for allegedly using a popular genealogy research website to locate people who had recently died, and then taking over their credit cards.

Tracy June Kirkland, 42, allegedly used Rootsweb.com to find the names, Social Security numbers and birth dates of people who, shall we say, had no further need for their consumer credit lines. She then "would randomly call various credit card companies to determine if the deceased individual had an ... account," according to the 15-count indictment filed in federal court in Los Angeles. She'd then persuade the issuer to change the mailing address for the dead victim to one of her many rented mail drops in Orange and Riverside counties, and in some cases she'd add her own name as an authorized user of the card, prosecutors say.

FRAUDULENT SITES POSING AS GENEALOGY WEBSITES

Writing in the Ancestry.com blog, Mike Ward is warning other genealogists of fraudulent web sites posing as genealogy sites. These sites take your credit card information and provide little in return.

We have recently become aware of three websites purporting to allow family history research: SearchYourGenealogy.com, Ancestrysearch.com and Australian-Ancestry.com. The sites claim to have "the largest online genealogical search tool" and promote themselves as the foremost resources for genealogy, but from what we can tell, these sites are nothing more than a series of web pages with links to other services. These sites, in our opinion, are clearly fraudulent.

On each site, potential customers are lured to purchase under what we feel to be false, misleading and deceitful promotional material, and get little or no value out of money spent at the websites. Blog and message board posts from the community confirm this opinion.

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

PRINTER CARTRIDGES

We are accepting printer cartridges for turn in to Cartridge World in Melbourne. Selected cartridges are worth \$3 each for our treasury. Please continue to bring HP, Lexmark, and Dell ink cartridges for submission to Staples for credit on our business card. Members may also turn in the cartridges directly to Staples using our business card.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Anyone willing to serve on the nominating committee please contact Patrick Bowers.

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SAVING WEB PAGE TEXT

When copying information from a website, you may want only the text. To avoid copying images and other unwanted items, save it as a text file.

1. Open the Web page you want to copy text from and select *File>Save As*.
2. Select *Plain Text (*.txt)* in the *Save as type* field.
3. Create a file name and click *Save*.

An alternate method is to copy and paste the information directly into a word processing or genealogy program as unformatted text.

1. In the Web page, highlight the text with your mouse and copy it.
(Press *Ctrl+V*; select *File>Copy*; or right-click the highlighted text and select *Copy*.)
2. Open your word processing program or other program where you want to paste the text.
3. Go to the *Edit* menu and select *Paste Special>Unformatted Text*, or a similarly worded option.

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WHAT IS A GEDCOM FILE?

GEDCOM stands for Genealogical Data Communication. Think of it as a universal file format for sharing genealogy files between genealogy software programs. Recognize a GEDCOM file by its extension .ged. Even PC users may share their GEDCOM files with Mac users - it's the common language for computerized genealogy around the world.

GEDCOM files are text only files. They will not preserve graphics or photographs of any kind. Your family tree is encoded in the GEDCOM language.

GEDCOM files have eliminated the need for copying genealogy data by hand. This standardized file format increases the accuracy of information as it is transferred from one source to another.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The current GSNB program schedule for the remainder of 2008:

3 Jun	Jack Schweikert	"Scotland Genealogy"
1 Jul	summer break	no meeting
5 Aug	summer break	no meeting
2 Sep	Rachel Wentz	"Ukraine Experiences"
7 Oct	Patti Kirk	"Orphan Trains"
18 Nov	TBD	TBD
9 Dec	members	"Christmas Social"

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If you have paid your dues and are not receiving a mailed newsletter of meetings you missed, please see Jackie Palmer.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please notify Jackie of any change to your email address to insure the receipt of GSNB email notices.

GENEALOGY VIEW

A little girl asked her mother, 'How did the human race appear?'

The mother answered, 'God made Adam and Eve and they had children and then all mankind was made.'

Two days later the girl asked her father the same question.

The father answered, 'Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved.'

The confused girl returned to her mother and said, 'Mom, how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God, and Dad said they developed from monkeys?'

The mother answered, 'Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his.'

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BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, 20 May
6 to 9 pm

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 3 June
7 - 9 pm

Speaker: Jack Schweikert
Topic: Scotland Genealogy

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