



THE REGISTER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

OF

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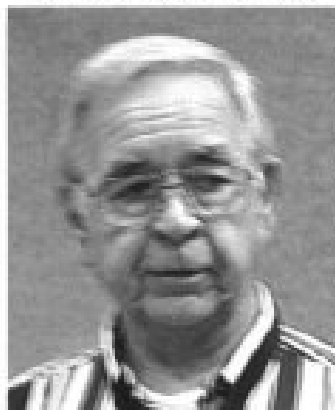
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"FAMILY HISTORY CENTER RESOURCES AT ROCKLEDGE"

Our guest speaker tonight is **John Whitney**.



His program will provide the current resources available at the Rockledge Center. John is the Director of the Family History Center. A father of six, he is deeply involved in ancestral research and would rather do genealogy than eat. He

is dedicated to assisting the Center patrons in their research.

GENEALOGY IN BREVARD APRIL 2009

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 **April 13th**. **Pete Bradish** will present "**Finding Books on the Internet: Electronic Paper**"

The **Genealogical Society of South Brevard** meets the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am in the Melbourne Public Library (540 Fee Ave.) This month's meeting will be held on **April 8th**. **Ann Mohr Osisek** will present "**Once Upon a Desk: Organization is Not a Fairy Tale**".

CENSUS

1840 Census of Pensioners; Revolutionary or Military Services with the names, ages, and places of residence. Printed by Blair and Rives in 1841. URL: <http://www.usgennet.org/usa/topic/colonial/census/1840/index.html>

BOOKS FOR MEMORIAL FUND

The following books have been purchased by the Nancy Sieck Memorial Fund:

Roll of Honor Vol 1-9, 2 Books

Roll of Honor Vol 14-27, 7 Books

The Unpublished Roll of Honor

The Scott-Irish of Colonial Pennsylvania

Rhode Island Passenger Lists

Scottish-American Court Records, 1733-1783

Weights, Money, Measures used by Ancestors

American Place Names of Long Ago

The Great War

The Reconstructed 1790 Census of Georgia

Third Supplement to Torrey's NE Marriages

Tracing Ancestors among Five Civilized Tribes

Tennessee Genealogical Records

Abstract of Wills & Inventories, Fairfax Co., VA

DONATED BOOKS

We are still receiving and processing into the library system the donated books from the IRGS DAR Chapter.

GSNB MEMBERSHIP

Number of members in good standing as of 1 April 2009 is 75.

Dues are \$15 per person or \$20 per family. They can be paid at any meeting, GSNB sponsored event or by mail. If paid by mail please make check or money order payable to GSNB, Inc. and send to P.O. box 897, Titusville, FL 32781-0897.

USING WWII ARMY ENLISTMENT RECORDS

Posted by Dian

The WWII Army enlistment records that are free on Footnote (as part of its WWII Hero Pages collection) and other genealogy database sites come from the National Archives and Records Administration's (NARA) Access to Archival Databases (AAD) system.

Search the enlistments on AAD here. It has records of approximately 9 million men and women who enlisted in the US Army, including the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, between 1938 and 1946.

The Army used punch cards to record the information. It microfilmed the cards after World War II, then destroyed them.

Normally, we'd advise genealogists to go right from an index or transcription to the microfilmed or paper record. But in this case, if you look at the film (which is what Footnote's source citation numbers refer to), you'd just see cards with a series of holes in them.

NARA acquired the microfilm in 1959, and later digitized it and ran it through a "reader" to code the meaning of the punches. About 13 percent of the cards couldn't be read due to poor microfilm quality, and an estimated 35 percent of the remaining records contain a scanning error (though NARA says few of these errors are in the name field).

I compared my own grandfather's enlistment record on Footnote and in AAD, and both sites had the same information, though Footnote's version is a bit easier to search and is presented in a more user-friendly format.

So what use is the information when there's no original record to look at? The serial number, enlistment information and branch of service will help if you want to request military service records.

WWII service records are at the National Archives' National Personnel Records Center. Due to privacy restrictions, you may need permission from your grandfather or his next of kin, or proof your grandfather is deceased. See this NPRC Web page for more details (scroll to the OMPF—Official Military Person-

nel Files—section). Note a large number of service records were destroyed in a 1973 fire at the NPRC.

You also can mine the enlistment record for clues to other research avenues and details to put in your grandfather's life chronology. For example, the enlistment record can help you confirm a birth year and place, marital status, and place of residence at the time of enlistment.

It gives the person's education level and shows how the government categorized your grandfather's employment (my grandfather was grouped with "Messengers, errand boys, and office boys and girls").

If some piece of information seems out of place, remember those scanning errors, and look for confirmation in other records.

SELECTIVE SERVICE DRAFT CLASSIFICATIONS

Have you ever had questions about the draft classification on an ancestors registration card. Here is the fount of all knowledge for the various classifications.

MILITARY CLASSIFICATIONS For Draftees compiled by Anne Yoder, Archivist, Swarthmore College Peace Collection, March 2007

<http://www.swarthmore.edu/Library/peace/conscientiousobjection/MilitaryClassifications.htm>

I would also suggest that you check it against the following site which provides some expanded explanation on IVA.

<http://www.cufon.org/CRG/memo/74911231.html>

HELP FOR HARD-TO-READ HANDWRITING

The challenge of blurred or just plain sloppy handwriting in old records is one that has plagued genealogists for centuries. One trick for deciphering a hard to read character or word is to retrace it. Enlarge the word and then print it. Then trace over it with a pencil. Sometimes by retracing the lines you'll be able to figure out the letters.

From Ancestry Weekly Journal – 02/01/09

GENOMEWEB ANNOUNCES DNAPRIN'S DEMISE

NEW YORK (GenomeWeb News) – Genetic testing company DNAPrint Genomics has shut down its operations, according to a notice on its website.

The Sarasota, Fla.-based firm shut down operations sometime during the past month. Its most recent filing with the US Securities and Exchange Commission was on Feb. 9, in which it announced that its President and CEO Richard Gabriel had resigned from the firm as well as its subsidiaries Ellipsis Biotherapeutics and Trace Genetics.

The cash-strapped firm, which had been trading on the Pink Sheets, had inked a deal a year ago to be acquired by Nanobac Pharmaceuticals. However, the deal fell apart after Nanobac was unable to raise additional funds before a deadline on March 31, 2008.

Attempts by *GenomeWeb Daily News* to reach company officials were unsuccessful.

GEORGIA LAND RECORDS

The Georgia Archives has scanned land records online in the "Virtual Vault." This is your portal to some of Georgia's most important historical documents, from 1733 to the present. The Virtual Vault provides virtual access to historic Georgia manuscripts, photographs, maps, and government records housed in the state archives.

<http://content.sos.state.ga.us/index.php>

From Douglas Burnett

NORTH CAROLINA

<http://www.ncarchives.dcr.state.nc.us/>

A "free text" search at the web site under "NC State Archives" indexes various land records.

Look under:

"State Records Part A", "Land Grants A"

"Land Grants B", "Land Grants C."

"Land Grants D" - for the results.

Note that grants in what is now TN will usually be under "Land Grants A," although not all under A are in the now TN area. The above search will also pick up other names (adjacent land owners, etc.) that are listed, not just those of the person with the warrant/survey/grant.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The current GSNB program schedule

5 May 2009	Michael Boonstra "Historical Homes Rockledge"
2 Jun 2009	Tracy White "Florida Civil War History"
7 July 2009	summer break – no program
4 Aug 2009	summer break – no program
1 Sep 2009	TBD

NOTICE !!

The program schedule has been modified for May and June. Please note the changes.

When a person dies, a library closes.

Don't wait! Contact that person now, while the door is still open.

From the Spring 2009 BGS newsletter

STAPLES AWARDS

The Staples Award program issues credit checks in 2 categories – one for ink cartridges returned and one for purchases. Staples is now accepting all cartridges including HP, Dell, Lexmark, Canon, and Epson. We are limited to 20 cartridges per month. The daily limit has been increased from 3 to 10 per day. Please bring your used ink cartridges to our general meeting. We will submit them in accordance to the new limits.

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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!

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BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, 21 April
6 to 8 pm

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 5 May
7 - 9 pm

Speaker: Michael Boonstra
Topic: Historical Homes Rockledge

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