



# THE REGISTER

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OF  
THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH BREVARD, INC.  
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2 June 2009

## " HISTORY OF THE CIVIL WAR IN FLORIDA"

Our guest speaker tonight is **Tracy White**. He is a Civil War Historian and has presented a civil war program to the North Brevard Historical Society. Tracy's program tonight will cover a civil war site in the Jacksonville area.

## GSNB MEMBERSHIP

Number of members in good standing as of 1 April 2009 is 80.

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.

## CENSUS JOB TITLES

Links to 1930 job descriptions may be found on this web site as fully downloadable PDFs. <http://www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/decennial/1930.htm>

Search "index of occupations." There are two publications. Use the zip hyperlinks. The pdf link only returns the table of contents.

## 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 **June 8th**. **BGS members** will conduct a "**Brickwalls**" workshop.

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 **June 10th**. **Tim Perkins** will present "**Cartography**".

Our sincere sympathy  
to the family of

**Doris Yancy**

who departed this life on  
Monday, 27 April 2009

Doris was a charter member and  
the first President of GSNB.

## FAMILYSEARCH INDEXING UPDATE

The following announcement was written by FamilySearch:

Diligent FamilySearch indexers made quick work of the New York 1892 and the Rhode Island 1925 State Censuses. Those projects are now complete and will be prepped for publishing online.

New indexing projects added this week are:

Austria, Wiener Meldezettel  
Germany, Mecklenburg 1890 Volkszählung, Div 24-38  
Indiana, Adams County Marriages, 1811-1959  
Indiana, Allen County Marriages, 1811-1959  
Mississippi—1920 U.S. Federal Census  
New York 1905 State Census  
UK, Warwickshire Parish Registers, 1538–Present

## IMMIGRATION EXPLORER

Interesting interactive site that allows selection of county areas within the United States by movement of the mouse over a map. Depicts the total population and number of foreign born. Ten year intervals of the map can be observed.

web site: <http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2009/03/10/us/20090310-immigration-explorer.html?ref=us>

## MILLIONS OF HISTORIC SOUTHERN RECORDS NOW ON THE WEB

May 15, 2009

In the past 18 months, FamilySearch has been diligently publishing digital images and indexes from Southern states. It is part of a worldwide initiative to provide fast, economical access to genealogical records. Fueled by over 100,000 online volunteers, FamilySearch is digitizing and indexing historical records and publishing them online. Viewers can search the free collection on the Record Search pilot at FamilySearch.org (click Search Records, and then click Record Search pilot).

The most recent additions are from the following collections:

**Alabama** Statewide Deaths 1908 to 1974 (Index)

**Arkansas** County Marriages: 1837 to 1957  
**Civil War** Pension Index Cards (Digital Images)

**Florida** Deaths 1877 to 1939 (Index)

**Florida** State Censuses: 1855, 1935, 1945 (Digital Images)

**Freedman** Bank Records: 1865 to 1874

**Freedman's** Bureau Virginia Marriages 1855 to 1866

**Georgia** Deaths 1914 to 1927

**Louisiana** War of 1812 Pension Lists (Images)

**North Carolina** Deaths 1906 to 1930

**North Carolina**, Davidson County Marriages and Deaths, 1867–1984 (Digital Images)

**South Carolina** Deaths 1915 to 1943

**South Carolina** Deaths 1944 to 1955 (Index)

**Texas** Death Index 1964 to 1998 (Index)

**Texas** Deaths 1890 to 1976

**Virginia** Fluvanna County Funeral Home Records 1929 to 1976 (Digital Images)

**West Virginia** Births 1853 to 1990 (Index)

**West Virginia** Marriages 1853 to 1970 (Index)

**West Virginia** Deaths 1853 to 1970 (Index)

FamilySearch has also published free indexes to the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, and 1920 (partial) U.S. Censuses—all important resources for Southern states research.

During both pre and post Civil War eras, there was general migration from the eastern

seaboard, down through the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, and on into Texas. "The publication of these records will begin to open up and answer many questions about family members that migrated and were never heard from again," Rencher added.

With just a few clicks, visitors can now search millions of records online for that elusive ancestor. Or pore through digital images of historic documents that before this time were inconvenient or impossible for many to access because the original documents were located in an archive somewhere in the South.

Posted by Dick Eastman on May 15, 2009

## RESEARCHING ANCESTORS IN THE DIRECT TAX OF 1798

Posted by Diane

To fund a military buildup for a possible war with France, Congress enacted a \$2 million direct tax in July 1798. Each of the country's 16 states had to come up with its share of the \$2 million. A state's quota was based on population, with slaves counting as three-fifths of a person. State officials created their own forms and valued property, enumerated slaves and collected the taxes.

Houses valued at more than \$100 were taxed on the value. Since many of these homes had expensive glass windows, this is also called the "glass tax." Slaveowners were taxed 50 cents for each able-bodied slave age 12 to 50. All other real property, which included houses valued at \$100 or less, was taxed at a fixed percentage of the value.

The controversial tax was repealed in 1799. Resulting records include valuations, enumerations and tax collection lists. Because the law allowed responsibility for the tax to be transferred to other governmental departments, with no directive to forward records to Washington, many of these records have been lost. Known 1798 direct tax lists and their physical locations are listed on the National Archives Web site. Unfortunately, the records' varied locations means you won't find a comprehensive online database for all types of direct tax records from all states.

Tuesday, May 05, 2009

## NATIVE AMERICANS DESCENDED FROM A SINGLE ANCESTRAL GROUP, DNA STUDY CONFIRMS

For two decades, researchers have been using a growing volume of genetic data to debate whether ancestors of Native Americans emigrated to the New World in one wave or successive waves, or from one ancestral Asian population or a number of different populations.

Now, after painstakingly comparing DNA samples from people in dozens of modern-day Native American and Eurasian groups, an international team of scientists thinks it can put the matter to rest: Virtually without exception the new evidence supports the single ancestral population theory.

"Our work provides strong evidence that, in general, Native Americans are more closely related to each other than to any other existing Asian populations, except those that live at the very edge of the Bering Strait," said Kari Britt Schroeder, a lecturer at the University of California, Davis, and the first author on the paper describing the study.

"While earlier studies have already supported this conclusion, what's different about our work is that it provides the first solid data that simply cannot be reconciled with multiple ancestral populations," said Schroeder, who was a Ph.D. student in anthropology at the university when she did the research.

The study is published in the May issue of the journal *Molecular Biology and Evolution*. You can read more at: [http://www.news.ucdavis.edu/search/news\\_detail.lasso?id=9101](http://www.news.ucdavis.edu/search/news_detail.lasso?id=9101).

Posted by Dick Eastman on April 29, 2009

### The GENEALOGY SOCIETY OF NORTH BREVARD, INC.

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## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The current GSNB program schedule

7 July 2009	summer break – no program
4 Aug 2009	summer break – no program
1 Sep 2009	Dee Swink "Researching maiden names"
6 Oct 2009	TBD

## ROME, GEORGIA CEMETERY BURIAL DATA NOW ONLINE

Thanks to a new burial data program on the city of Rome's web site, genealogy researchers and loved ones may have an easier time locating their ancestors buried in Rome's public cemeteries. The service can assist those looking for the plots of ancestors, family or friends buried in city-owned cemeteries — Eastview, Oakland and Myrtle Hill.

The information only covers burial records, the cemetery lot number and plot location number. The site can also generate clickable maps of the cemeteries that allow the user to navigate and find the exact placement of the plot.

Many of the birth dates for older interments may read 01/01, an indication that the birth date is unknown. As records are updated, or in some cases found, they will update the birth date information, according to city officials.

The site can be found at [www.rome.ga.us/cemetery](http://www.rome.ga.us/cemetery).

Posted by Dick Eastman on April 29

## FILE EXTENSIONS

Have you ever found the information you needed, downloaded the file and then it had a strange extension and you could not open?

Maybe this file extension site can help you.  
<http://www.fileinfo.com/search.php>

**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, 16 June  
6 to 8 pm

#### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 1 September  
7 - 9 pm

Speaker: Dee Swink  
Topic: Researching Maiden Names

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