



# THE REGISTER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
OF

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH BREVARD, INC.  
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## "CREATING FAMILY HISTORY DVDs"

Our guest speaker tonight is **Johnna Meek**. Her program will cover the process in producing DVDs and show sample results. Johnna is a busy mother of four from the Ellsworth Ward of the LDS Church. She is talented in photography and digital manipulation. To keep in touch with far-flung friends and family, Johnna creates unique DVDs to share her memories and her family history with others.

## BOOKS FOR MEMORIAL FUND

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

**Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire**

**Inhabitants of New Hampshire - 1776**

**Special Presidential Pardons for Confederate Soldiers**

**Volunteer Soldiers in the Cherokee Wars 1836-1839**

**Record of Indentures 1771-1773**

**The Jury Lists of South Carolina 1778-1779**

**Return of Owners of Land in Ireland 1876**

**Index to Georgia Wills**

**Kentuckians in Missouri**

**Finding Your German Ancestors**

**A New Atlas of Ireland**

The Fund is closed to any new donations. Anyone wishing to donate a book to the library in memory of Nancy Sieck may do so. Appropriate book faceplates will be inserted to identify the donation.

## GENEALOGY IN BREVARD March 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 **March 9th**. **Dee Swink** will present "**Clues, Assumptions, and Wild Goose Chases: Searching Maiden Names**"

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 **March 11th**. **Donna Moughty** will present

## 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.

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## GSNB DUES ARE DUE

According to our by-laws, "Dues shall be payable on or before the regular meeting in January". Our total number of members in good standing as of 1 Mar 2009 is 62.

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.

## DONATED BOOKS

Melody Harmon of the IRGS DAR Chapter is donating books from her private collection to the Titusville Library. The following books have been received and are on the Genealogy Area book selves. Additional books are being processed.

**Irish Passenger Lists, 1847-1871**

**King and Queen County Virginia**

**History of Spartanburg County**

**Genealogies of Barbados Families**

**Early Kentucky Household, 1787-1811**

**French and French-Canadian Family Research**

**The History of Old Tyron and Rutherford Counties Griffin**

**Compendium of Early Mohawk Valley Families, Vol. 1 Penrose**

**Compendium of Early Mohawk Valley Families, Vol. 2 Penrose**

## DONATED BOOKS

Connie and Pete Bradish have generously donated the following new books to our Genealogical Society of North Brevard. They will be donated to the Titusville Library and placed on the shelves in the Genealogy Area.

**Lands of the German Empire and Beyond**

**Deciphering Handwriting in German Documents**

## 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.

## CENSUS SEARCH TIPS

### Leave Out the Name

While it might seem a long shot, sometimes the best way to search is without a name. If you know where your ancestor lived, try leaving out the name entirely and use other facts you have to narrow your search. For example, I know my grandparents were living in Parma, Ohio, in 1930 and had been recently married. By entering my grandmother's birth year, birthplace of Ohio, residence of Parma, Ohio, and relationship to head of household (wife), she comes up as the thirteenth record on the list of results for that search.

### Search for Siblings

Try searching for various siblings. While your direct ancestor's entry may be hard to read or transcribed incorrectly, the sibling's entry may be correct. I was helping my uncle find his parents in 1930. The last name was mangled, so I entered his brother's given name, specified the county, and added in the given names of his father and mother. Even though all three had common given names (Charles, Henry, and Mary) those names, relationships, and the county were enough to allow me to find them.

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## MORE CENSUS

How many of you are aware that there is a census before 1850 that list name and age? The 1840 Census of Pensioners, Revolutionary and Military Services was originally compiled by the federal government from the 1840 U.S. Federal Census, which required enumerators (census takers) to list the names and ages of Revolutionary War and other federal military service pensioners in households.

Well here it is and FREE.

<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/topic/colonial/census/1840/>  
from Doug Burnett 3 Feb 2009

## DNA

Genealogy by DNA: Can it Deliver? - Do your homework and learn the limitations of genealogy research utilizing DNA testing.

<http://www.genpage.com/genealogyDNA.html>  
from Doug Burnett 3 Feb 2009

## SEARCHING FOR EARLY IMMIGRANTS

The government didn't began requiring ships to keep passenger lists until 1820, so before then, few immigration records exist. Here are some sources you can check:

Philadelphia passengers from 1729-1808, listed online, with the originals on microfilm at the Pennsylvania state archives.

Boston ship cargo logs from 1715-1716 and 1762-1769, published in Port Arrivals and Immigrants to the City of Boston by William H. Whitmore (Genealogical Publishing Co.). The subscription site Ancestry.com has a digitized version of this book.

Though not passenger lists, records of an ancestor's court case could provide plenty of immigration information. Colonial court records often are in state archives; you also may find some microfilmed by the Family History Library (FHL). Run a place search of the online catalog on your ancestor's county or town. Visit your local branch Family History Center to rent FHL microfilm.

During the British Colonial period, non-English immigrants had to apply for citizenship, often by signing oaths of allegiance upon arrival. Look for these, too, at state archives and on FHL microfilm.

The Great Migration project, hosted by NewEnglandAncestors.org, publishes a Web site, book series and newsletter with information about early immigrants. A 1620-to-1640 surname index is free; most of the information is by subscription.

Keep in mind that ancestors' names aren't always recorded as we think they should be. Your immigrant relative may have been recorded under his middle name or a nickname rather than his first name; or the name you know him as may be the middle name.

Continue researching your ancestor in whatever records you can find, even those unrelated to his immigration. If a resource helps you pinpoint his place of origin, you can start researching his life in his ancestral homeland—and then maybe you'll learn when he departed.

Posted by Diane

From FamilyTree Magazine Newsletter - 02/05/09

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The current GSNB program schedule

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

## GOOGLE TOURS

Google has an additional tool that is pretty cool. Using Google Maps you can type in an address (or even just a town or street and town) and if you see a small orange "person" on the left navigation bar - click it - and then you can use Street View. This allows you to "drive" down the streets as if you were driving in a car sightseeing. You can even turn 360 degrees to see all the buildings on either side and turn corners to keep exploring.

I found my great-grandparents house in Newton, Kansas and my grandparents' house there, as well. I took a screen shot and cropped it and now have pictures to include that I probably couldn't have gotten otherwise.

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## The GENEALOGY SOCIETY OF NORTH BREVARD, INC.

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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, 17 March  
6 to 8 pm

#### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 7 April  
7 - 9 pm

Speaker: John Whitney

Topic: Family History Center Resources

Jacob Hannemann Memorial Room

Titusville Public Library  
(2121 South Hopkins Ave)