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" HISTORICAL HOMES IN ROCKLEDGE"

Our guest speaker tonight is **Michael**



Boonstra. His program will provide details of early homes in Rockledge. Michael is a Certified Genealogist specializing in New England families. He is a frequent lecturer and teacher in the Central Brevard area. He is also the author of articles relating

to genealogy and colonial America.

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 **May 11th**. **Ann Bergelt** will present "Foreign Research"

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 **May 13th**. **GSSB** will conduct a member book sale.

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. 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.

Our sincere sympathy
to the family of

Joel and Glenda Shealy

Glenda's father

Leonard Risinger

departed this life on
Thursday, 16 April 2009

OLD HANDWRITING

John and Pat Porter have obtained information on old handwriting from the following web sites:

www.genealogia.fi/faq/faq031e.htm

www.amberskyline.com/treasuremaps/oldhand.html

They have provided 9 sheets of information that is available for copy by the membership.

DONATED BOOKS

We are still processing into the library system the donated books from the IRGS DAR Chapter. Books for the Nancy Sieck Book Fund have been completed by the purchase of 5 additional books. A final total of 51 book titles will be donated by the fund.

GSNB MEMBERSHIP

Number of members in good standing as of 1 April 2009 is 79.

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.

FREE DOWNLOAD

Where to Find 1880 DDD Census Records

Posted by Diane

I wanted to let you know we've just uploaded a new genealogy Cheat Sheet to our online Research Toolkit: A state-by-state listing of where to find 1880 supplemental census schedules of "defective, dependent and delinquent" classes ("DDD schedules" for short).

Download it as a PDF from our Record References page.

You'll know to look for your ancestor in DDD schedules if his 1880 US census listing has a mark in columns 15 through 20, showing whether he was ill or had a physical or mental disability. If so, DDD schedules might give more information about his condition or reasons for being institutionalized.

These special schedules, recorded only for the 1880 US census, aren't in online databases such as Ancestry.com's. Some states' DDD records are on microfilm at the National Archives and/or genealogy libraries; other states' records are in original form at state archives and libraries. Few are indexed.

We can't promise our listing is comprehensive, but it does give locations and Web site addresses of repositories where we could find DDD records for each state or territory. If you're still having trouble finding DDD schedules for your ancestor, start by contacting the state archives where he lived.

For help using DDD and more special census records—including agriculture, manufacturing, mortality, slave and other schedules—look for our guide in the July 2009 Family Tree Magazine. It starts mailing to subscribers this week.

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A WISH

"When I die I want to go peacefully in my sleep like my grandfather...NOT screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car!"

SEEKING MICHIGAN ADDS FREE DEATH RECORDS

Posted by Diane

The historical records site Seeking Michigan has added Michigan death certificates from 1897 to 1920. You can search at the index and click to view a record—free.

Run a basic search by name or construct an advanced search by typing keywords and assigning a data field for each term (such as first name, last name, city/village/township, etc.). The advanced search is the same for all Seeking Michigan's collections, so scroll to the bottom of each field pull-down menu for fields specific to the death records.

To browse the death records, click View Collection next to the basic search box (or just use this link).

The records are available through a partnership with the Library of Michigan. Also on Seeking Michigan, you'll find Civil War photographs and records, WPA property invoices (documents describing the land, buildings and surroundings of building in rural Michigan), oral histories, maps and more. Here's an overview of the collections.

Free Databases | Genealogy Web Sites | Vital Records

DATE TIME CALCULATOR

<http://www.timeanddate.com/date/duration.html>

Calculate duration between two dates - This service calculates the duration, counting the day count and the number of days, months and years between two dates. Among other things, it can be used find how many days old you are and the weekday you were born. The site actually does quite a bit more. It allows you to customize for your particular case and adjusts for the various calendar changes we have had over the eons. It will work in time durations as small as seconds. There is a world clock that lets you determine time in any part of the world relative to your time.

MORE STATES' FREE RECORDS

Arizona - Birth Certificates(1855-1932) or death certificates (1844-1957) <http://genealogy.az.gov/>.

West Virginia - Thousands of birth, death and marriage records dating back to 1784 are online at the West Virginia Division of Culture and History. www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_dcsearch.aspx

Georgia - Death Certificates for 1919-1927 and a large collection of death certificates for 1917- 1918 are at <http://content.sos.state.ga.us/cdm4/>. Check out this home page <http://content.sos.state.ga.us/index.php> if you are interested in Confederate pensions, colonial will books and historic maps.

Georgia -The Macon Telegraph is online at Galileo (Univ. of GA?). Great resource for those of us researching in central Georgia! <http://telegraph.galileo.usg.edu/telegraph/search>

You have to download a special viewer and that doesn't take long.

NEW YORK CITY RESTRICTS ACCESS TO VITAL RECORDS

Sad news: "The public is no longer permitted to look at the birth and death indexes at the New York City Department of Health."

The following was written by Jan Meisels Allen who has given permission to distribute it elsewhere:

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) has restricted access to the indices for vital records (birth, death) effective April 8, 2009. Only authorized personnel are now permitted to research the indices.

In speaking with the Commissioner's office, I was advised that anyone may pay \$15 to have the staff research a specific name for three years. More years requires additional payment. As genealogists, we would like to retain the opportunity to review the indices ourselves.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The current GSNB program schedule

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| 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 | Dee Swink "Researching maiden names" |
| 6 Oct 2009 | TBD |

SEE WORLD'S HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS FREE ON NEW SITE

Posted by Diane

The World Digital Library, a free, online collection of documents, photos, maps and art from countries and cultures around the world, launches today.

You can choose from seven languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish) for viewing descriptions of the materials. Text on the records themselves isn't translated.

On the home page, click on the map to see a sample of content from that region. Use the slider on the timeline at the bottom of the screen to change the era from which the samples are taken.

web site: www.wdl.org

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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, 19 May
6 to 8 pm

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 2 June
7 - 9 pm

Speaker: Tracy White
Topic: Florida Civil War History

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