



# THE REGISTER

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OF

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## "RESEARCHING MAIDEN NAMES"



Our guest speaker tonight is **Dee Swink**. Her program will include related topics of "Clues, Assumptions, and Wild Goose Chases". She was the president of the Brevard Genealogical Society during 2007-2008 and is currently a Board

member. Dee moved to Brevard in 2003 after retiring from Lockheed Martin.

## 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 **September 14th**. **John Whitney** will present "**Resources in the Rockledge Family History Center**".

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 **September 9th**. **Elmer Spear** will provide details of "**Elmers Genealogical Library**" located in Madison, FL.

## GSNB DUES

Dues are \$15 per person or \$20 per family. 2010 dues can be paid now and are due by 1 January 2010. 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.

## NOTICE !!

The dedication ceremony for Nancy C. Sieck is scheduled for Sunday, 13 September 2009 at 4:30 PM in the Titusville Library. Naming of the Genealogy area as a memorial to Nancy and the display of her plaque will be part of the activities.

The Genealogy Society of North Brevard wishes to express our sincere appreciation to the Titusville Library Director Pamela Boddy and her staff for their efforts in making the tribute possible.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The committee needs volunteers to serve as officers and chairman of committees. In addition to the officers, volunteers will be required for the CD library, sound system, newsletter, name tags, drawing items, handout material, banner display, and break refreshments. A setup/ tear down committee is also desired. Please consider your participation so our society can continue to grow and prosper. See Marty Noffel or any member of the nominating committee for additional info.

## BROWSING CENSUS RECORDS FOR HARD-TO-FIND ANCESTORS

If you can't find your ancestors by searching census Web sites, try searching for their relatives, neighbors named in other records, or other immigrants from their homeland who settled the same town. Once you find people your ancestors may have known, browse the adjacent census pages for your family.

From: Family Tree Magazine Newsletter, May 28, 2009

## WHY CLOUD COMPUTING MAKES SENSE FOR GENEALOGY

One of the newer buzzwords in the online world is "cloud computing." You can probably find dozens of definitions of this new technology, but I think the simplest is that cloud computing refers to a computer application running on a distant computer. Your local desktop or laptop works as a "remote terminal," with your local video screen showing what is happening on the distant computer and your local keyboard and mouse being used as input devices for the same distant computer. All the computing power and disk storage is being provided by a powerful computer or perhaps a bank of powerful computers in some distant data center. Your local desktop or laptop simply provides your "view" of that distant application. You can use the application program running in the distant computer in the same manner that you run applications in your own computer. However, you benefit from the power and storage capabilities of those distant, powerful computers.

The word "cloud" refers to the Internet. I am sure you have seen various drawings over the years depicting home computers connecting to distant web servers via the Internet. The Internet is almost always drawn as a cloud to indicate there is a massive collection of routers, switches, and cabling connecting the computers. However, all the complexity of the Internet is hidden from the user. Therefore, it is a cloud. The phrase "cloud computing" really means "running programs on distant computers via the Internet."

Posted by Dick Eastman on July 16, 2009

## THE MILLENNIAL DISK

You've spent years compiling your family history, scanning old photographs, copying ancestral journals and writing biographies of your parents. Completing each project, you store the information on a CD or DVD disk. Mission accomplished. The data will be there for generations to come.

Or will it?

Today's CD-ROM and DVD-ROM disks have an average life expectancy of anywhere from 3 to 12 years.

Disks go bad for many reasons, even if they're not used. Copy your data or your pictures to disk and place them on the shelf. If you pull those disks down from the shelf in a few years, you might now be able to read them. A Utah startup is about to introduce technology for writing DVDs that the company claims can be read for 1,000 years after being stored at room temperature.

Dubbed the Millennial Disk, it looks virtually identical to a regular DVD, but it's special. Layers of hard, "persistent" materials (the exact composition is a trade secret) are laid down on a plastic carrier, and digital information is literally carved in with an enhanced laser using the company's Millennial Writer, a sort of beefed-up DVD burner. Once cut, the disk can be read by an ordinary DVD reader on your computer.

I wonder if anyone will have a DVD-ROM reader one thousand years from now?

Posted by Dick Eastman on July 18, 2009

## FINDING NEWSPAPER REPORTS ON THE WEB

A smart genealogist was once asked, "Which resource is the best?" And the answer was, "The one with the information I need."

This is especially true when seeking obituaries, birth, marriage and death announcements from one of the numerous Web newspaper archives. Some are limited by time periods, and others concentrate on specific publications. Few are dedicated to genealogy – so explore multiple options.

Two comprehensive lists of free newspaper archives are at:

The Library of Congress

The University of Pennsylvania's Historical Newspapers Online.

Another free option is the Google News Archive. To eliminate general interest stories, enter a name and add a keyword such as *marries, dies or obituary*.

From: Rootsweb Review, 10 June 2009, Vol. 12, No. 6

## STAPLES REWARDS

Please bring your used ink cartridges to our general meeting.

## LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN FACES ELIMINATION

The news that Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm has abolished the state's Department of Histories, Arts and Libraries—which includes the state library and archive—has genealogists concerned.

Granholm's executive order, which will save the cash-strapped state an estimated \$2 million in the first year, divvies up parts of the department among other state agencies. Of particular interest to genealogists:

Most Library of Michigan functions, including its genealogy collection, go to the Department of Education

The Michigan Historical Commission, which includes the state archives, will be moved to the Department of Natural Resource

The order is effective Oct. 1 unless the state legislature rejects it within 60 days.

Genealogists provide 85 percent of the foot traffic to the Library of Michigan, says Michigan Genealogical Council (MCG) delegate Mary Strouse. The library's Abrams Foundation Historical Collection is one of the 10 largest genealogy collections in the United States.

What might happen to the library's genealogy collection? Among other consequences, it could be broken up the among multiple locations, interlibrary loan access (through the MelCat system) could be shut down, and access to materials on non-Michigan ancestors could go away.

MCG reports that 10 Michigan senators have introduced bills in response, which would transfer functions of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries to the Department of State.

Posted by Diane Thursday, July 16, 2009

## ENHANCING IMAGES

When I run across a faded record that's difficult to read, I use my photo editing software to enhance the image. There have been records that were so faded I didn't realize there was writing in some spots, but when I adjusted the darkness and contrast, I was able to read the entire record.

From: Ancestry Weekly Discovery, June 7, 2009

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The current GSNB program schedule

6 Oct 2009	Vera Zimmerman "Dating Photographs"
3 Nov 2009	GSNB Members "Family Treasures"
8 Dec 2009	GSNB Members/Guests "Christmas Social"
5 Jan 2010	TBD

## IRISH IMMIGRANT VILLAGE UNEARTHED IN MARYLAND

An Irish village is being gradually unearthed in Baltimore County in the first known survey of an Irish immigrant village in the U.S. Archaeology students at the University of Maryland, College Park, have been digging in the area which was called Texas by the Irish immigrants who settled there.

The Irish settlement Texas began by 1847 and by 1860 was home to an established Irish community. Many residents of the village could trace their families to Ballykilcline in County Roscommon where about 1,100 people emigrated between 1847 and 1852.

My thanks to Ed Hamilton for telling me about this article.  
Posted by Dick Eastman on July 13, 2009

## MICHAEL JACKSON IN THE SSDI

Michael Jackson's entry has already appeared in GenealogyBank's copy of the Social Security Death Index.

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



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#### BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, 15 September  
6 to 8 pm

#### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 6 October  
7 - 9 pm

Speaker: Vera Zimmerman  
Topic: Dating Photographs

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