



# THE REGISTER

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OF

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH BREVARD, INC.  
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February 2, 2010

## FEBRUARY'S GUEST SPEAKER



Tonight's program will feature Patti Kirk presenting on "Google.com". She has spoken previously to our society and we welcome her return. A resident of Indian River County, Patti is the director of the Family History Genealogical

Research Group. She is well-known in genealogists' circles as an instructor and lecturer.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Board Meetings:** Members are welcome to attend the GSNB Board meetings. The meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the library in study room 2. The next meeting is February 16th at 6 pm in the library's study room 2.

**Dues:** Dues for 2010 are now being collected. Dues are \$15 per person or \$20 per family. When paying by mail, please make check or money order payable to GSNB, Inc. and send to P.O. Box 897, Titusville, FL 32781-0897.

**Staples Rewards:** Please bring your used printer ink cartridges to our general meetings. They will be turned in to Staples for reward credits that are used to pay for GSNB printing needs.

**Volunteers Needed:** Several positions in our organization still need to be filled. If you can help in any way, see Marty Noffel, President.

Our sincere sympathy  
to **French Johnson**  
Husband of

**Pat Johnson**

Who departed this life on  
Saturday, January 16, 2010

## FEBRUARY GENEALOGY MEETINGS IN BREVARD COUNTY

The **Brevard Genealogical Society (BGS)** 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 February 8. Vera Zimmerman will present a program on "Sex, Food and DNA".

The **Genealogical Society of South Brevard (GSSB)** 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 February 10. "A Narrative of Events as they occurred from time to time in the Revolutionary War" will be given by storyteller Dabney C. T. Davis.

You know you're taking genealogy  
too seriously if

your house leans slightly toward the  
side where your genealogical records  
are stored!

## ***New Records' Release Coming Soon***

Like last year, content growth is again a focus for Ancestry.com in 2010. New records coming to the site in 2010 include:

- US vital records, digitized in partnership with state archives. They include vital records from Vermont (1908 to 2008) and Delaware (1800 to 1933); divorces from Connecticut; and the Hayes Library Ohio Death Index.
- Seven state censuses were released last year; look for more this year.
- US county land ownership maps were originally slated for release in 2009, but were delayed until 2010.
- Enhanced 1920 US census records and index.
- A 1950 "census substitute" consisting of city directories—helpful to reverse genealogists seeking living relatives, and to beginning researchers.
- 1880 Defective, Dependent and Delinquent ("DDD") schedules. These supplemental census schedules provide details on individuals with disabilities or who were institutionalized. Surviving records are currently scattered among libraries and state archives.
- Index improvements to the 1790-to-1840 head-of-household censuses will key the tick-marks indicating household members' sex, age ranges and status as slave or free, so you'll be able to search on these parameters.
- The site will add 700 million more names from voter lists to the US Public Records Index database.

Look for tips on preparing for the release of the 1940 census in the May 2010 *Family Tree Magazine*. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is scheduled to release the census to the public on April 2, 2012. NARA will digitize the 1940 census. Ancestry. Com is very interested in the project.

From Family Tree Magazine Newsletter  
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## **Privacy is No Longer a Social Norm**

Posted by Dick Eastman

I don't agree with this but it is a fascinating look at our changing world. Speaking in San Francisco recently, Mark Zuckerberg, the 25 year-old co-founder of Facebook stated, "Privacy is no longer a social norm. People have really gotten comfortable not only sharing more information and different kinds, but more openly and with more people."

Zuckerberg said that expectations had changed, and people now default to sharing online, not privacy.

"When I got started in my dorm room at Harvard, the question a lot of people asked was, 'why would I want to put any information on the Internet at all? Why would I want to have a website?'," he said.

"And then in the last 5 or 6 years, blogging has taken off in a huge way and all these different services that have people sharing all this information," he said.

## **For those doing NC research this is great**

**news. . . .** Posted by Dick Eastman

In 2009, the North Carolina State Archives completed a project to digitize newspapers from its collection that were, up until that time, only available on microfilm. These materials include papers dating from 1751-1890s from cities like Edenton (1787-1801), Fayetteville (1798-1795), Hillsboro (1786), New Bern (1751-1804), Salisbury (1799-1898), and Wilmington (1765-1816) - a total of 23,483 digital images that are keyword searchable. The project was made possible by a LSTA grant provided by the State Library of North Carolina.

**<http://www.archives.ncdcr.gov/newspaper/index.html>**

## **National Organization of Counties**

Posted by Dick Eastman

This site lists counties for each state, population, square miles, date founded, maps and much more!

**[http://www.naco.org/Template.cfm?Section=Find\\_a\\_County&Template=/Cfiles/counties/usamap.cfm](http://www.naco.org/Template.cfm?Section=Find_a_County&Template=/Cfiles/counties/usamap.cfm)**

## Series Explores "What Made America?" Through Genealogy

Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr., whose "African-American Lives" series have been popular on PBS, is working on another genealogy documentary series to air in February and March.

"Faces of America" uses genealogy and genetics to explore the family histories of 11 famous Americans, using their ancestors' experiences to draw a picture of American history.

Four episodes look progressively further back in history. They cover America's complicated relationship with new immigrants in the 20th century, the "Century of Immigration" and industrialization from the 1820s to 1924 (the year quotas sharply curtailed US immigration), the early settlement of the New World, and how DNA evidence links us to early geographical origins.

The ancestral origins of the show's "cast" span the globe. Gates researches the family trees of poet Elizabeth Alexander (she composed and read the poem at President Obama's inauguration); chef Mario Batali; comedian Stephen Colbert; novelist Louise Erdrich; writer Malcolm Gladwell; cellist Yo-Yo Ma; film director Mike Nichols; Queen Noor of Jordan; actresses Eva Longoria Parker and Meryl Streep; and figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi.

The series airs 8 to 9 pm Wednesdays from Feb. 10 to March 3.

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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!

## 2010 GSNB PROGRAM SCHEDULE

<b>March 2</b>	Patrice Green "Websites: Why, How & HTML"
<b>April 6</b>	TBD
<b>May 4</b>	TBD
<b>June 1</b>	TBD

**July and August**—summer break

### News from the Nancy C. Sieck Memorial Genealogy Area by Barbara Maloney

Thank you to the eight GSNB members who began the process of marking and organizing the genealogy books in accordance with the Dewey Decimal system. Assisting in this ongoing project were Marty Noffel, Jackie Palmer, Joel Shealy, Carole McKewon, Nettie Swan, Randy and Ryan Hall and Bev MacRae. Mary Toupin, Reference Librarian, provided valuable guidance. The next work day to move the DAR and SAR book collections will be announced soon.

Most of the books and research material from the late Doris Yancey, donated by her husband Jim, have been placed on the library shelves.

The DAR donated two books last month in memory of Nancy C. Sieck: *Early Connecticut Marriages* and *Connecticut Roots: Pilgrim and Puritan Planters and Irish Famine Emigrants*.

#### Need help in researching your ancestors?

Several GSNB members are in the genealogy area of the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am—1:30 pm to answer your questions.

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

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Tuesday, February 16  
6 p.m.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**  
Tuesday, March 2  
6 – 8 pm

**Speaker: Patrice Green**  
**Topic: "Websites: Why, How & HTML"**

**Jacob Hannemann Memorial Room**  
**Titusville Public Library**  
**2121 South Hopkins Ave.**