



THE REGISTER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
OF

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH BREVARD, INC.
P.O. BOX 897, TITUSVILLE, FL 32781-0897

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flgsnb>

May 3, 2011

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Jim Herring, our guest speaker, will present a program on "Microsoft Office and Genealogy." He will be sharing some of his knowledge of computers and Microsoft Office and how they can be used in our genealogy research. Jim has spent 15 years researching his family history and genealogy.

A long time resident of Brevard County, Jim worked for USA at Kennedy Space Center in IT Strategic Planning and Integration. Since his retirement, he has taught Computer Application classes at Brevard Community College.

UPCOMING GENEALOGY MEETINGS

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). Their next meeting is May 9th. Check out their website: <http://www.flbgs.org/>

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.) Their next meeting is May 11th. Full details are on their website: www.gssb.net

The **Indian River Genealogical Society (IRGS)** meets the 2nd Tuesday, September-May at 9:30 am. On May 10, Marg Putzke will present "Fertilize Your Family Tree." She will discuss educational resources helpful to family history researchers. Details are listed on their website: www.irgs.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Meetings: Members are welcome to attend the GSNB Board meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 pm in the library, study room 2. The next meeting is May 17th.

Dues: Dues for 2011 are now due. If you paid after September 1, 2010, your membership is paid through 2011. Dues are \$15 per person or \$20 per family. When paying by mail, please make check 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 meetings. The society receives Rewards credit from Staples that is used to pay our monthly printing needs, including the newsletter and handouts.

Refreshment Coordinator: Jackie Palmer will have the signup sheet for snacks and beverages available at our meetings. Please see her if you are interested in helping.

MORE MEETINGS

The **Central Florida Genealogical Society (CFGS)** in Orlando offers both daytime & nighttime meetings each month. On Thurs., May 12 at 7:30 pm, *Orlando Sentinel* columnist Greg Dawson will share "Hiding in the Spotlight", a fascinating story of how his family outwitted the Nazis. On Thurs., May 26 at 2 pm, Paul Enchelmayer will present "Ten Ways to be a Better Ancestor." On Sat., May 21, CFGS will host a special Spring Seminar. More info on their website: www.cfgs.org

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

Some family trees have beautiful leaves, and some have just a bunch of nuts. Remember, it is the nuts that make the tree worth shaking. ~Author Unknown

BRANCHES for Windows Genealogy and Family History Software Receives a Major Update

Nearly a year ago, I wrote about BRANCHES and was impressed with the program. "To say that I was impressed would be an understatement. This program has the best user interface I have ever seen in any genealogy program on any operating system. It looks like Google Earth for genealogy."

Now BRANCHES has received a major update and a lower price: Sherwood Electronics Laboratories, Inc. announces a new release of BRANCHES, an innovative new Windows™ program that uses advanced mapping concepts, similar to Google Earth,™ to visualize relationships and manage family history records. The \$14.95 price is for the full featured version of BRANCHES and includes future updates. It also can be used on all the computers a user owns. A full featured, 30 day trial of BRANCHES is available for download at www.branchesgenealogy.com

According to Jack Sherwood, president of Sherwood Labs, the new version is faster, better and cheaper than prior versions of BRANCHES. "Our feedback from market research indicates that customers want low cost, powerful and full featured family tree software. They don't want a 'bait and switch' or 'free' version that has many features disabled and that costs extra to get a full version." He explained that the new version is faster and can handle larger files. Adaptive zoom makes zooming faster and better, and new enhancements add to visual appearance. Combined with the lower price, the software is the most powerful, least expensive software in the family history market.

From Dick Eastman's Newsletter, April 28, 2011

Translator

Need a translator for some of your foreign documents? Try this website:
<http://nicetranslator.com/>

From Doug Burnett Tid Bits Vol 1 April 2011

FamilySearch News: 140 Free Genealogy Research Online Courses

Ever found yourself researching your family tree and discovering a new branch that extended to another country—and you are not familiar with that country's records or language? Or perhaps you are a fan of the popular reality show "*Who Do You Think You Are?*" and wonder, "How do the producers know what public records to search to find all of those cool stories about that celebrity's ancestors?" Maybe you'd like to learn more about how to do your family history research but don't think you can afford to take a class. Thousands of individuals are now satisfying many of those needs through FamilySearch's growing collection of free online genealogy courses.

In just one year, the number of free FamilySearch courses has grown to over 140—and new courses are added monthly. "The goal of the initiative is to educate more people worldwide about how to find their ancestors. We do it by filming the experts teaching a particular class of interest and then offering free access to that presentation online—complete with the PowerPoint used and any electronic handouts that the user can download or print for future reference," said Candace Turpan, FamilySearch instructional designer.

FamilySearch uses software that splits the viewing screen (sort of like the picture-in-picture features on some televisions) so the user can watch the video of the presenter while also seeing the PowerPoint presentation. Most courses are 30 minutes in length. You can also fast forward through the presentation or presentation slides or stop and pick up later where you left off—a luxury you don't get in the live presentation.

"Maybe you enjoy the thrill of deciphering or reading old records in other languages. FamilySearch also has free courses to help genealogy students understand key words and terms of older foreign alphabets and handwriting, including Gothic," added Turpan. The intent behind all of these courses is to give people the keys they need to successfully find their elusive ancestors in historic records. "Sometimes they just need a new sleuthing skill or resource. These genealogy courses are perfect for those personal development needs," concluded Turpan.

Whatever your motivation or objective, bookmark and make regular visits to the growing catalog of free courses at www.FamilySearch.org. And if you or someone you know currently teaches a class that would be of value to the genealogy community and wants to share it, find out how online at Family Search's genealogy classes online.

From Dick Eastman Newsletter, April 20, 2011

Web Sites of Interest

Charlotte County Genealogical Society:

www.ccgasa.org

Florida State Genealogical Society:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flsgs/>

Federation of Genealogical Societies:

<http://www.fgs.org/>

FL Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society:

<http://www.ogsfl.org/conference.htm>

National Genealogical Society:

<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

Southern Campaigns of American Revolution:

<http://www.southerncampaign.org/>

Southwest FL Germanic Genealogy Society:

www.swflgg.org/

Treasurer Coast Genealogical Society:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fltcgs>

How to Enlarge Text on Web Sites

Can't read a web page because the words are too small? Here's a quick tip to increase the font size:

* Click the Control (Ctrl) key at the same time you click the plus (+) sign. Each click will increase font size.

*To decrease font size, click Control (Ctrl) and the minus (-) sign. Each click will decrease font size.

*You can also enlarge the entire Web page or document by pressing the Control key as you turn the scroll wheel on your mouse. Note that changing font size won't work for words that are part of images, such as company logos.

Posted by Dick Eastman April 2, 2011

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

2011 GSNB PROGRAM SCHEDULE

June 7 - Diane Marcum

"Geography and Genealogy"

July & August - summer break, no meetings

September 6 - Bob Hudson

"History of Titusville"

Monday, October 3 - TBA
(note day & date change)

November 1 - TBA

December 13 - Christmas Social

Members' Reminder...

Thanks to the Staples rewards credits, we have been able to pre-pay the printing costs for our monthly newsletter. GSNB earns \$2 for each used printer cartridge that GSNB returns to Staples. We encourage you to bring your empty printer cartridges to the meetings and drop them in the bag at the sign-in table. All types of ink cartridges are accepted.

And a request for your help...

If you would like to donate some time in helping others with their research, more volunteers are needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays in our library's genealogy area. Please see Barbara Maloney if you are available.

Looking for some research help?

If you need some assistance, several GSNB members are available in the library's Nancy C. Sieck Memorial Genealogy Area on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am to 1 pm to answer questions.

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is a non-profit corporation chartered by the State of Florida. It is affiliated with the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the Florida State Genealogical Society, Inc., and the National Genealogical Society.

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Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 6 pm

NEXT GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, June 7, 2011
Diane Marcum "Geography & Genealogy"
6:00- 8:00 pm

Jacob Hannemann Memorial Room
Titusville Public Library
2121 South Hopkins Ave.
Titusville, FL 32780