



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>

September 6, 2011

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Due to a death in the family, Bob Hudson, our scheduled presenter, will not be able to give his program "History of Titusville" tonight. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

Approximately 70 genealogy books that Jim Fulton donated to GSNB will be on display at tonight's meeting. GSNB has donated these books to the Titusville Library. They have been processed and will be placed on the Genealogy Room shelves starting next week.

In addition, another 70 genealogy books from the Fulton collection were duplicates or not appropriate for donation to the library. They will also be on display at this meeting to determine individual interest. Disposition of the books will be at a later date.

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). The September 12th meeting will feature Vera Zimmerman sharing on "Identification and Dating of Old Photographs." More details are on 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.) The September 14th program presenter is Art Whelan who will speak on "New York City Research." 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. At their Sept. 13th meeting Pamela Cooper will update new features of Ancestry Library's Edition. Their website: www.irgs.com

We extend our sympathy to
Chris Fairey
whose wife, Glenda,
passed away on July 22, 2011

Chris served as the GSNB Treasurer
from 2005-2007

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 Sept. 20th.

Dues: Dues for 2012 are now being collected. If you paid after September 1, 2010, your membership is paid through December 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.

Refreshments Needed: The signup sheet for snacks and beverages is available at the welcome table. Your refreshment contributions at our monthly meetings are much appreciated.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

Only a genealogist regards a step backwards as progress.

Every Arlington Grave to be Photographed

Cemetery officials have never computerized the records, instead relying on an ancient and inadequate pen-and-paper record keeping system. Even worse, many of the records have been lost. Some records are reportedly kept at the cemetery but can no longer be found. Other records have been discovered off site, packed in boxes at a commercial storage facility. Army criminal investigators are now conducting an investigation.

While much has been lost, the Army is trying to correct the situation. The Army's historic Old Guard is now photographing each and every grave with an iPhone. Military officials hope they can eventually use the photos to create an online database for the public.

NOTE: The Old Guard is the unit that normally wears dress blues, white gloves and shiny black boots when escorting remains and conducting graveside military funerals. The unit is now dressing in T-shirts and flip-flops to take photographs at night. The reason for nighttime work is to both escape the heat and to not interfere with the four million people who visit the cemetery every year.

The Old Guard plans to photograph more than 219,000 grave markers and the markers of more than 43,000 sets of cremated remains. You can read more in an article by Kimberly Hefling in Time at <http://goo.gl/xpdkg>

From Dick Eastman Online Newsletter August 27, 2011

What to Put in Your Cemetery Research Kit

This tip on preparing to visit your ancestors' burial place is from Family Tree University Course instructor Midge Frazel. Making a small kit for your cemetery visits is worth the time it takes to be prepared. Here's the list:

- * Gravestone rubbing materials
- * Camera and extra batteries
- * Cell phone
- * Clipboard with blank paper and cemetery transcription sheets
- * Pen or pencil
- * Portable mirror to reflect light on a stone
- * Spray bottle with clean water
- * Non-abrasive sponge or paper towel
- * Soft brush
- * Garden shears to trim weeds around stones
- * Trash bag for picking up trash in the cemetery
- * Emergency kit with Band-Aids, antibiotic cream, bug spray and sunscreen
- * Extra pair of socks and sturdy footgear

Family Tree Magazine Newsletter August 18, 2011

1940 Census Will be Free on Ancestry.com

Subscription genealogy website Ancestry.com has decided to make the 1940 census images and index—which will be on the site after the 1940 census is opened next year for research—free to search and view through 2013.

That'll be more than 3.8 million images with 130 million records. Even better, they'll be indexed by 45 fields, meaning you'll be able to search on the name, street address, county, state, parents' birthplaces and more.

The records won't be on Ancestry.com right when the census is released April 2, 2012. Ancestry.com's press release says they'll commence "streaming onto the website in mid-April 2012."

Free Legacy Webinars

Check out the complete list of free Webinars sponsored by Legacy Family Tree on their website: www.LegacyFamilyTree.com/webinairs.asp

The next one is on Wednesday, September 21 at 2 pm EST. The subject is "Researching Your Connecticut Ancestors." Sign up for one or sign up for them all - they are free to join. Registration is limited to the first 1,000 so register today at their website.

Free Family Tree DNA Webinars:

Learn about Relative Roots webinars as soon as they're scheduled! Join our email announcements list, follow us on Facebook and/or follow us on Twitter:

**Email List - <http://www.relativeroots.net/webinars/>
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Footnote Name Change

Footnote.com is now Fold3, focusing on military records.

Why the change? As we refocus our efforts on gathering the best online collection of military records and stories we wanted a name that would reflect military history and honor.

So what does it mean? Traditionally, the third fold in a flag-folding ceremony honors and remembers veterans for their sacrifice in defending their country and promoting peace in the world.

Web address: <http://www.fold3.com/>

A REQUEST FROM OUR PRESIDENT

In December we will elect officers for 2012. A nominating committee is needed now to help find members who will be willing to serve in these positions so that our society will continue to function properly.

Please see me if you would be willing to help secure a slate of officers for the December election. Your active support in this necessary and vital undertaking is a great service to the society and is much appreciated.

Thank you,
Marty Noffel

Notes to Members...

- If possible, would you please consider paying your annual dues by check which will assist in our bookkeeping process.
- If you are interested in checking out any of the CDs in the society's collection, Ginny Nichols brings them to our monthly meetings.
- Please 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. GSNB earns \$2 for each used printer cartridge that GSNB returns to Staples. Thanks to the Staples rewards credits, we have been able to pre-pay the printing costs for our monthly newsletter.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Are you looking for some help in your ancestry research? Several GSNB members are available to answer questions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am-1 pm in the library's Nancy C. Sieck Memorial Genealogy Area.

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

GSNB PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Monday, October 3 - Speaker unconfirmed (day & date change)

November 1 - Book Distribution

December 13 - Christmas Social and Installation of Officers

**January 3, 2012 - Patricia Andrews
"LaGrange Cemetery"**

FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR

The Ninth Annual Family History Seminar **"Trace Your Roots and Leave a Legacy of Love"** will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2011 in Rockledge. The workshops will have "something for everyone," from Beginners to Advanced researchers.

The instruction will include: updates on the latest digital tools to keep you current with advancing technology; accessing popular online education resources; researching various countries and ethnic groups; the 1940 census that is coming soon; writing your personal history and planning a family reunion.

More details should be available on their website in early September: www.cocoafloridastake.org

If you need further information prior to the event, please call the Family History Center at 321-636-2431 or email John Whitney at whitneyj@bellsouth.net

2011 ANNUAL FSGS CONFERENCE

The Florida State Genealogical Society's annual Conference will be November 11-12 at the Sheraton Orlando North Hotel in Maitland. More details are on their website:

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

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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.

Dues: \$15/person or \$20/family per year

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING
Monday, October 3, 2011
6:00– 8:00 pm

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