



# THE REGISTER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
OF

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH BREVARD, INC.  
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## TONIGHT'S SPEAKER

Bob Hudson's program will be a "History of Titusville." Bob is the former owner-publisher of the Star Advocate Newspaper. During his 37-year career at the Star-Advocate, Hudson won numerous awards for excellence in journalism. A Titusville native, he co-authored a book with Dr. John Manning that included family histories of the first residents in Brevard County who settled in the LaGrange area as well as an extensive photograph collection. Bob has first-hand knowledge of many of the local families, homes, schools and churches.

## 2012 Officer Change

Due to Bev McRae's recent health issues, the following change of officers was approved by the GSNB Board: Barb Maloney will replace Bev as secretary and Bev will serve as historian.

We also welcome Keith Webster who has volunteered to oversee the monthly drawing items.

Charlene "Charlie" Benton is a new volunteer in the Nancy C. Sieck memorial Genealogy Area on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Thanks to these individuals for stepping up to serve.

## 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). At the March 12th meeting Patti Kirk will present a program on the 1940 Census. 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 March 14th meeting will feature Ann Osisek speaking on "Calico and Cornbread: Finding Your Female Ancestor." Their website: [www.gssb.net](http://www.gssb.net)

The **Indian River Genealogical Society** meets the 2nd Tuesday at 9:30 am. At the March 15th meeting, Jay Dolan, PhD., will share "How and Why the Irish Left Their Homeland." Their website: [www.irgs.org](http://www.irgs.org)

## MEMBER NOTICES

**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 March 20.

**Dues:** Dues for 2012 are now being collected. If you paid after September 1, 2011, your membership is paid through December 2012. 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.

**Research Assistance Available:** Several GSNB members are available to answer your research questions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am-1 pm in the library's Nancy C. Sieck Memorial Genealogy Area.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

Genealogists live in the past lane.

## Dick Eastman Seminar Highlights

By Carol Eilers

Dick Eastman's seminar in Melbourne was filled to capacity Saturday. GSNB was well-represented with a dozen attending. Everything was done well from Pete Bradish emceeing, the barbecue lunch along with many tasty snacks, meeting and fellowshiping with other genealogists and, of course, Dick's presentation. His talk was well-prepared and animated. He was open for questions which made the day even more interesting and informative. I believe everyone came away with some new and useful tips to try in their ancestry research. Here are a few thoughts he shared.

"Google is your friend!" His detailed explanation about static web pages, dynamic web pages and Google Advanced Search was very helpful.

How often should we backup our data? At least once a month. In addition, he gave reasons why we should do it in three different locations.

Two portable tools recommended for scanning:

Flip-pal - hand-held, used for 4x6 photos

Magic Wand - convenient for using on books

Mocavo is a search engine, dedicated to searching only for genealogy sites. He elaborated on its specifics and summarized by saying that since Mocavo is still looking at the same data as Google, it would be more helpful to the newer genealogists, like me who hasn't done much research, than those who have already found a lot of data online.

Dick concluded the day with a challenging talk about the increasing value of family historians.

## Donald Trump Awarded Scottish Coat of Arms

Yes, Americans can be awarded coats of arms. However, in Donald Trump's case it took more than a four-year battle to earn the insignia.

Trump has won the right to use a coat of arms to advertise his Scottish golf resort. Trump is known for proudly speaking of Scottish roots, often referring to his Lewis-born mother. You can read more in the Deadline News at <http://goo.gl/NBh86> and at the Mail Online at <http://goo.gl/I2tXH>

**Reminder:** You are never allowed to claim a coat of arms as your own unless you have been awarded official (written) permission to do so. Just ask Donald.

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## The Dangers of Microfilm

This week we read of the demise of still another company in the microfilm business: Kodak has filed for bankruptcy protection. As part of the plan to save the company, Kodak management has announced the company will no longer manufacture cameras. Actually, Kodak previously had stopped the manufacture of film and cameras that use film. In recent years, Kodak has only manufactured digital cameras, and those, too, are now being dropped. The company is dropping all film products, including microfilm. The changes will have a major impact on genealogists. For years, genealogists, historians, and many others have relied on records recorded on microfilm. Some years ago, as the volume of paper created by government and industry became too great to store economically, government and industry welcomed microfilm, microfiche, and other micro-imaging techniques. Indeed, these tiny images have served us well. Millions of cubic feet of paper records have been compressed by microfilming and have been stored in much smaller filing cabinets. If microfilm had never been invented, the Social Security Administration alone would have needed to build dozens of warehouses for records storage and also would have needed to hire an army of clerks to sort, file, and retrieve those pieces of paper. The conversion to microfilm and microfiche literally made record storage possible. Now we are seeing another conversion: from micro-imaging to even smaller digital imaging. Indeed, storing millions of documents on computer disks require even less space than does microfilm. Digital records, even with multiple off-site backups, require significantly less space than do microfilmed records. Of course, digital imaging has other benefits as well. If properly scanned and stored, high resolution digital images can be sharper and easier to read than those stored on microfilm. Digital images can have less "fuzziness." In addition, distribution and display is much easier with digital images than images on microfilm. Microfilm readers are rare in homes and in many offices while low-cost computers are available most everywhere, even in a purse or briefcase. For years, one of the big arguments against digital imaging was that of the storage media. The argument has been phrased, "Who will be able to read floppies in 8-inch, 5 1/4-inch or 3 1/2-inch formats twenty or fifty years from now?" Now we are seeing the same argument being used against the use of microfilm: who is going to be able to read microfilm or microfiche twenty or fifty years from now? That will be long after the last microfilm viewer has been relegated to a museum.

Excerpts from Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter 02.14.12

## Member News

### CD Library Update:

There is a new process for checking out CD's from the society's collection; they will no longer be brought to the monthly meetings. A listing of all CDs has been emailed to all members. When you want to check out a CD, please email your request to Ginny Nichols and she will bring the CD to the next monthly meeting. Her address is listed on pg. 4. Please note in the email subject line: CD Library. No phone calls accepted; emails only.

### Volunteers needed in these positions:

- Mailing newsletters to those members absent at monthly meetings
- Meeting set up & tear down
- Refreshment committee co-chair
- Nametags (all materials provided)

Please see Marty, GSNB President, if you are willing to help in any of these areas.

### Contact information updates:

If you have a new phone number or address (mailing or email), please fill out the information update cards available at the sign-in table.

### **FSGS Officers**

*At the 2011 Florida State Genealogical Society's Conference held in November, the following officers were elected for a two-year term:*

<i>President</i>	<i>Pam Cooper</i>
<i>V-President</i>	<i>Clyde Stickney</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Kim Garvey</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Pat Rand</i>
<i>Trustee</i>	<i>Cindy Hineman</i>
<i>Trustee</i>	<i>Douglas Burnett</i>
<i>Trustee</i>	<i>Ann Staley</i>

### \*\*\*\*\* NEW MEETING LOCATION \*\*\*\*\*

TITUSVILLE COMPUTER CLUB

ADDRESS: BUILDING 418

ON THE CORNER OF PINE & WALTON ST.

IN DOWNTOWN TITUSVILLE

WHEN: 2ND & 4TH THURSDAY @ 7 PM

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME!

## GSNB PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**April 3, 2012 - Patrice Green**  
"Internet Security"

**May 1, 2012 - Rachel Wentz**  
"Windover Dig"

**June 5, 2012 - Art Whelan**  
"New York Research"

**July and August - no meetings**

**September 4 - TBA**

**October 2 - TBA**  
(new location) - Great Outdoors

**November 13 - Pete Bradish**  
(new date) "Naming & Filing Sources"

### **How NBC's 'Who Do You Think You Are?' Picks Its Celebrities**

Writing in the Investor's Business Daily web site, Patrick Seitz has produced an interesting article about how the 'Who Do You Think You Are?' television show picks the celebrities to be featured. In fact, "a lot of the show's research into celebrity family trees doesn't make it on the air. Sometimes researchers either hit a dead end or the stories they uncover don't make for compelling TV." "We have an amazing team of researchers who pore through documents and censuses and death records, you name it," said executive producer Al Edgington. "For every celebrity who is interested we will find everything we possibly can." You can read more at <http://goo.gl/7Q5wN>

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### **SEASON 3 "WDYTYA ?" UPDATE**

The past two week's programs featured Blair Underwood and Reba McEntire. The show airs on Friday nights at 8 pm on NBC.

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

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, March 20, 2012 at 6 pm

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**  
Tuesday, April 3, 2012  
Patrice Green "Internet Security"

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