



THE REGISTER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
OF

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH BREVARD, INC.
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<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flgsnb>

April 3, 2012

TONIGHT'S SPEAKER

We welcome Patrice Green's return as our guest speaker. Tonight she will present a program on "Internet Security."

Patrice is an active member of BGS serving as their webmaster. She has more than ten years' experience as a webmaster for both public and private organizations. Currently, she is the State Coordinator for The FLGenWeb Project. She has been researching family histories since 1998.

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 April 9th meeting will feature Sonny Jones speaking on "Using the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS). More details 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.) Pam Cooper, current FSGS president, will present "Railroad Trilogy" at the April 11th meeting Their website: www.gssb.net

The **Indian River Genealogical Society** meets the 2nd Tuesday at 9:30 am in the IRC Main Library (1600 21st St, Vero Beach). The April 11th meeting program will be "Google for Genealogists" given by Debra Fleming. Their website: www.irgs.org

Member News

Our treasurer, **George Johnson**, has resigned due to failing health.

These members have stepped up to fill several vacant positions:

Grace Bausch will mail our newsletters to members who missed the monthly meeting.

Patrick Bowers will create member's nametags as needed.

Charlene Benden and **Ginny Nichols** are helping on the refreshment committee.

Thank you so much for volunteering to fill these slots!

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 April 17.

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:

A pack rat is hard to live with
but makes a fine ancestor!

1940 Census Simplified: What You Really Need to Know

You've been hearing about the 1940 census from several organizations that will be hosting the records, and all that information coming at you from various sources might seem confusing.

To help you digest all those details, I'm summarizing and simplifying them here into what you really need to know about where the 1940 census records and indexes will be. Here it is:

1. On April 2 at 9 a.m., the only place you'll be able to find online 1940 census records for the entire country is 1940census.archives.gov. This website was made possible through the National Archives' contract with genealogy company Archives.com.

2. Shortly after the initial release, other websites will begin adding the records as fast as they can. Those include:

Ancestry.com

<http://www.archives.com/>

Censusrecords.com

FamilySearch.org

MyHeritage websites: myheritage.com/1940census,
worldvitalrecords.com/1940census and
familylink.com/1940census

3. For the first week to several weeks after April 2, the only way to find your ancestor's 1940 census record will be to browse by enumeration district. You can find out what an enumeration district is and how to pinpoint the right one by watching our free video on www.FamilyTreeMagazine.com

4. Three separate projects to index these census records by name will begin ASAP after the records are released: the 1940 Census Community Project, organized by FamilySearch, Archives.com and brightsolid, (owner of censusrecords.com)
Ancestry.com
MyHeritage

The 1940 Census Community Project is recruiting volunteers to do the indexing; Ancestry.com and MyHeritage are using paid contractors to do their indexing work.

5. Each site will add its index one state at a time, as states are completed. No site has specified the order in which states will be indexed, so at this time there's no telling when a particular site will add your ancestor's state. It could be weeks or months before a given site posts the index you need (so you'll want to check all the above sites periodically).

6. Ancestry.com is completing its index in two phases: a basic name index to be released first on a state-by-state basis, then a more-detailed index with additional information to follow. This means you may have access to a searchable basic name index for your ancestral state earlier on Ancestry.com than on another site.

7. Watch out for sites that try to charge for access to 1940 census records. There is no need to pay for 1940 census records. They'll be available online, free, at the sites listed in this article under **No. 2**.

Excerpts from Diane Haddad, *Family Tree Magazine* 03. 6.2012

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Website Makes Historical Research Easier

A new website for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library makes it easier to locate historical and genealogical information in the Library's 12 million item collection. The website obviously contains a great deal of information about the 16th President but it also contains other items that will interest genealogists and historians. Such items include a list of newspapers available on microfilm by city from the early 1800s to the present day, ethnic and military service bibliographies, a searchable last name obituary finder, as well as tutorials on how to preserve and conserve your own historical documents and artifacts. The new website also contains background information on the Library's popular "Boys in Blue" Illinois Civil War exhibit. Another new feature is a direct link where patrons can submit an inquiry that automatically goes to the staff member at the Library best equipped to answer it. The website may be accessed at www.presidentlincoln.org and clicking on "Library."

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter 03.04. 2012

Extracting DNA Information from Postage Stamps

Would you like to obtain the DNA information of an ancestor who died years ago? Do you have any letters that he or she wrote? If so, you may already have the DNA information available. Postage stamps and envelope flaps have been licked for more than 150 years, with saliva DNA being transferred to the item in question. DNA typing has been possible for about twenty years, but has rapidly developed to an immensely powerful technique for personal identification. The possibilities of identifying a deceased person's DNA include crime solving, genealogy, and genetic disease identification. Many opportunities for further research exist. There are no companies that I know of at this time who are offering tests of DNA information extracted from postage stamps or envelope flaps. Such tests today are only available from the FBI and a few other crime laboratories. However, if consumer demand builds, that could change in the not-too-distant future.

Excerpts from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter 03.23.2012

Pictures of Ellis Island Before It Became a Tourist Attraction

Ellis Island was closed in 1954 and remained abandoned for years before being resurrected as a tourist attraction and memorial to America's immigrants. The Mail Online has published an eerie series of photographs showing what Ellis Island looked like during those years of neglect. The photos make it obvious that arrival at the immigration gateway was not a joyous occasion for every immigrant. You can see the haunting images of America's immigration gateway at <http://goo.gl/FL6qq>.

Excerpts from Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter 03.09. 2012

From Our President

Census Indexing: We have 12 people signed up to work on indexing! If you are interested, it's not too late. The sign-up sheet is at the meeting check-in desk or talk to Marty.

Volunteers: Several people are still needed for meeting set up and tear down. Please see Marty if you are willing to help in this area.

CD Library Reminder: CDs are no longer being brought to the monthly meetings. If you would like to check out CDs from the society's collection, please email your request to Ginny Nichols and she will bring the CD to the next meeting. Please note in the email subject line: CD Library. No phone calls accepted; emails only. Her email address: nicholsep@bellsouth.net

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.

Remember Elmer Spear's Library?

A note from Elmer Spear (past program presenter @GSNB):

I invite you to join me on Elmer's Genealogy Corner on Facebook. Since donating my lifetime collection of genealogy material to the Huxford Library in Homerville, GA, I have been attending many genealogy conferences and am posting genealogy events and updates on my Facebook page. If you have any suggestions as to what information you would like to see me post, please let me know. I have started another genealogy library in Madison, FL. It will be a private library and not a 501c3 tax exempt entity where the government controls what goes on. It has been established to help people with their genealogy research. If I can be of any help to you in your research or you would like to visit please email me at espear1943@gmail.com.

Happy researching, Elmer

From Doug Burnett Tidbits Vol 2 March 2012

GSNB PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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"

December 11 - Annual Christmas Social

Henry Louis Gates Genealogy Show on PBS

The new genealogy series "Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates Jr." premiered on PBS March 25. Gates, a Harvard history professor who's hosted previous genealogy shows for PBS including "African-American Lives" and "Faces of America" will explore the roots of 24 well-known Americans including Harry Connick Jr., Barbara Walters, Kevin Bacon, Condoleezza Rice, Sanjay Gupta and Martha Stewart.

Here's the twist that makes this show different: Each episode will feature a pair of celebrities "bound together by an intimate, sometimes hidden link." DNA testing takes over where paper trails leave off. The staff of the New England Historic Genealogical Society and Johni Cerny, co-author of *The Source: Guidebook for American Genealogy*, contributed research to the series. The show airs 8 pm Sunday on PBS.

Posted by Diane Haddad, Family Tree Magazine March 20, 2012

Irish Census

The Irish censuses of 1821-1851 were destroyed in an explosion in 1922 during the Irish Civil War. The 1861-1891 censuses were also destroyed. The remaining censuses are 1901 and 1911. These are available for free at <http://census.nationalarchives.ie>

Doug Burnett Tidbits Vol 2 March 2012

TITUSVILLE COMPUTER CLUB

MEETS IN BUILDING 418

ON THE CORNER OF PINE & WALTON ST.

IN DOWNTOWN TITUSVILLE

ON THE 2ND & 4TH THURSDAY @ 7 PM

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME!

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Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 6 pm

NEXT GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, May 1, 2012
Rachel Wentz "Windover Dig"

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