



THE REGISTER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
OF

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

February 7, 2012

TONIGHT'S TOPIC: 1940 CENSUS

With the 1940 census scheduled to be released in April, tonight's presentation is very timely. We welcome the return of Marian Harrison, tonight's speaker. She is no stranger to our society, having presented many times in the past.

Marian is an Assistant Director at the Family History Center in Rockledge. She is an active member of GSSB, teaching basic genealogy classes. She has spent many years researching, attending conferences and taking advanced training classes.

A native New Yorker, she and her husband both served in the Air Force and lived in numerous places in the US and abroad.

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 their February 13th meeting Connie and Pete Bradish will present a program on Ancestry.com Search Techniques. 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.) Ben DuBose will explain "The Battle of Long Island" at the February 8 meeting. Their website: www.gssb.net

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

Only a genealogist regards a step backwards as progress!

March 3rd with Dick Eastman

This special one-day seminar featuring Dick Eastman is almost sold out! The three genealogical societies in Brevard County (GSNB, BGS and GSSB) are sponsoring this 9 am-4 pm event that will be held in Melbourne. Dick Eastman is the popular author of the genealogy e-magazine, Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter (eogn). He will present four topics: Better than Soundex; Mocavo: A Comparison of the Best (?) Genealogy Search Engine vs. Google; The Organized Genealogist; and Putting the Genes in Genealogy. Tickets are \$20 until 2/19. Forms are available at tonight's meeting or online at www.flbgs.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 February 21.

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.

You Can Help the U.S. Government Create the Historical Record of the Environment

The Environmental Protection Agency has issued a challenge that should appeal to all genealogists: take pictures of your surrounding environment to become part of historical record. By creating pictures of the environment today and adding them to the historical record, you can help document changes. The result should help your descendants and all future generations.

The EPA's *Locations Challenge* looks to update a 40-year old agency project known as 'Documerica' which included more than 15,000 photographs of images of American environmental problems and everyday life. In the 1970s the EPA hired freelance photographers to capture images relating to environmental problems for the project. With recent budget cuts, hiring hundreds of photographers is no longer an option. However, the EPA hopes to continue, and even expand, the project through the efforts of volunteers. This "crowd sourcing" could improve the project far beyond what it has been in the past. The "challenge" from the EPA states: "Choose an original Documerica photo either from the ones we post for each challenge or one you find yourself. Go to the location where that Documerica photo was taken, possibly even the exact spot where that photographer stood to take the photo 40+ years ago, and re-take a current photo of the same scene."

Read more about the photo on Flickr, for additional clues about location or subject matter that might help you. If the challenge includes more than one Documerica photo, choose one or as many as you like. The EPA will select photos that best show the new "after" view of the same original "before" Documerica photo. Original Documerica images can be seen at <http://goo.gl/GcBxW>

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter 01.08.12

Former President John Tyler's (1790-1862) Grandchildren Still Alive

How many people born in 1790 have living grandchildren today? Not great-grandchildren, but second generation descendants? John Tyler was born in 1790 and became the 10th US President in 1841. Tyler fathered Lyon Gardiner Tyler in 1852, at age 63. Then at age 71 Lyon Gardiner Tyler fathered Lyon Gardiner Tyler Jr. in 1924 and four years later, at age 75, Harrison Ruffin Tyler. Both men are still alive today.

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RootsTech Conference Report

Dick Eastman attended the RootsTech Conference in Salt Lake City February 2-4 along with more than 4400 genealogists. Here are some of his insights from the first day: The keynote speech was given by Jay Verkler, past CEO of Family Search. Some statistics he shared:

- Roughly 6 billion people were born from 1750-1900
- Roughly 14 billion people have been born since 1900
- By 2060 about 20 billion will have been born since 1900
- Most of us already have personal memory, records, and even photos of most of these later individuals.

This focus on ancestors born in the 1700s and 1800s will continue, even as the population increases and as the Internet makes records available to more people.

Jay made a comment that sticks in Eastman's mind: "Genealogy must be a collaborative experience." After all, our ever-expanding number of genealogists is focusing on the same pool of ancestors. FamilySearch is developing new software tools and methodologies to assist in this collaboration.

Several announcements from Jay :

- A second archive location is to be built to create a digital duplicate of the records presently stored in the Granite Mountain near Salt Lake City. The new location has not yet been announced.
- A new GEDCOM is being developed by FamilySearch. The new GEDCOM standard is being called GedcomX.

Excerpts from Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter 02.03.12

Mocavo Rolls Out New Content & Features

Genealogy search engine Mocavo announced searchable content additions and new capabilities in conjunction with the RootsTech conference. Content additions include:

- * Allen County Public Library's Internet Archive records
- * Social Security Death Index
- * Geni.com's World Family Tree

The new features are:

* Historical Record Storage & Sharing Platform: You can self-publish high-resolution documents to Mocavo.com for free. They're automatically digitized using Optical Character Recognition, and if you choose, your documents will be searchable by all Mocavo users.

* Mocavo is releasing iPhone and Android applications (not yet available, but promised within the next 30 days) that let you upload photos of documents and family pictures to the aforementioned document sharing platform. You also can use the app to search with Mocavo's Search engine.

* The Mocavo Discovery Stream will deliver a constant source of new user-generated content—whether people are uploading family trees and documents or finding matches using the search engine—similar to the Facebook newsfeed or Pinterest.

From Diane-excerpt from Family Tree Magazine 02.03.12

What to look for on Ancestry.com in 2012

New content coming this year includes:

- The 1940 census, which will be free
- The complete indexed 1911 UK census
- More US vital records
- New church records, specifically US Quaker records, UK non-conformist records and Swedish church records
- US and UK occupation-related records, railroad and maritime records

New features to watch for on the site include:

- New Ancestry hints for people in your Ancestry tree
- A new image viewer, already being beta tested
- New Android mobile apps to join the iPhone and iPad apps
- Easier sharing through social networking
- Advances in DNA testing

More details available on Ancestry.com

Posted by Diane in Family Tree Magazine 01.09.12

Top 100 Most Popular Genealogy Websites Listed in GenealogyInTime™ Magazine

GenealogyInTime™ Magazine has put together a global list of the Top 100 Most Popular Genealogy Websites. Others have compiled lists in the past, based on whatever criteria that each organization thought was appropriate, but the latest Top 100 list is the end product of an extensive and exhaustive evaluation of thousands of genealogy websites. The list and the accompanying article provide a considerable amount of insight into the genealogy industry. It can also help you discover some interesting new genealogy websites.

The Top 100 list can be downloaded as a pdf file. You can read the Top 100 Most Popular Genealogy Websites at <http://goo.gl/HZcdD>

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***** 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

March 6, 2012 - Bob Hudson
"History of Titusville"

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

SEASON 3: 'WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?'

Twelve new celebrities' histories will be featured in this popular series which premiered February 3rd. The show airs on Friday nights at 8 pm on NBC. The February 10th episode features Marisa Tomei who travels to Italy to discover the truth behind the rumor about her great-grandfather's murder.

SPECIAL "WDYTYA" VALENTINE SEMINAR

The Indian River Genealogical Society along with BGS, GSSB and the Treasure Coast Genealogical Society will present a 2012 Valentine Genealogical Seminar on Saturday, February 11 titled "How to Do 'Who Do You Think You Are' for Ordinary People." The seminar will feature four elements found in the popular TV series. Experienced genealogists Kim Garvey and Cindy Hineman will follow the program's format. The event is 9 am-4 pm in Vero Beach. Cost includes lunch. Pre-register at www.irgs.org

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Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 6 pm

NEXT GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, March 6, 2012
Bob Hudson "History of Titusville"

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