



THE REGISTER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
OF

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

June 5, 2012

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

"New York Research" is tonight's topic and our presenter is Art Whelan,. He is a native of Long Island and both his parents and grandparents were born in New York City.

Even though most of his research is focused on NYC, his resources will apply to all of New York state. He will also have tips to assist with family history in general and will share many of the best online resources available. Currently, Art is a member of GSSB.

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. . They will conduct a workshop at their June 13th meeting.

Their website: <http://ww.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 program on June 11th will be "Webinars and Online Genealogy" presented by Marian Harrison and Pat Payne. Their website: www.gssb.net

The **Indian River Genealogical Society** is taking a summer break. Their next general meeting will be Tuesday, September 11.

Their website: www.irgs.org

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

It's hard to believe that some day
I'll be an ancestor!

Member News

The treasurer's position has not yet been filled since George Johnson resigned for health reasons. Please talk with Marty, our President, if you are willing to take on this responsibility until our next election of officers in December 2012.

THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed food at our monthly meetings. The snacks have been plentiful and very tasty!

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. There will be no meeting in June or July. The next meeting is August 21.

Dues: Dues for 2012 are still 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.

Barcode Everyone at Birth?

Science fiction writer Elizabeth Moon argues that everyone should be given a barcode at birth. "If I were empress of the Universe I would insist on every individual having a unique ID permanently attached - a barcode if you will; an implanted chip to provide an easy, fast inexpensive way to identify individuals. It would be imprinted on everyone at birth. Point the scanner at someone and there it is."

There are many obvious advantages to her proposal, from preventing the switching of babies at birth to identifying combatants in war. However, I suspect privacy advocates, such as myself, will object.

It certainly would make life easier for future genealogists, however! You can read more in the BBC web site at <http://goo.gl/Hg6F>.

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter 05.24.12

Florida International University Library Acquires Important Cuban Genealogy Collection

Anyone tracing his or her Cuban or Spanish roots will soon have access to unique research materials, many available for the first time ever, at Florida International University in Miami. The University's library has acquired a collection of more than 5,000 books, handwritten and typed letters, photos and other primary documents relating to Cuba and Cuban genealogy, collected over four decades by Felix Enrique Hurtado de Mendoza. A law graduate of the University of Havana, Hurtado de Mendoza left Cuba in 1960. He was a former liaison officer for the Organization of American States for 20 years.

"Hundreds of people sought his help and sent him what they knew of their family heritage and those genealogies enriched his huge collection," said Mariela Fernandez, president of the Cuban Genealogy Club of Miami. You can read more at <http://goo.gl/3ZpQ2> and <http://goo.gl/ZYW1U>.

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter 04.08.12

Digitized Lutheran Church Records Coming Soon To Archives.com

Subscription genealogy website Archives.com has formed a partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) to digitize and index 1,000 reels of the church's microfilm containing millions of the church's baptism, confirmation, marriage, and funeral records. The parish register ledger books document Lutheran congregations throughout the United States from 1793 to 1940. See the full announcement on Archives.com.

Posted by Diane-Excerpts from Family Tree Magazine 04.18.12

1940 U.S. Census Volunteer Indexing Project Surpasses All Expectation

This announcement was written by FamilySearch.org: The 1940 U.S. census indexing project was launched this April as part of a broad online community effort. Of all the different types of historic records available to index, volunteers love census records the most, and it shows in the record-breaking levels of activity we've seen in the past three weeks.

**Over 85,000 volunteers have already completed 20 percent of the census project.

**A record number of active indexers used the program in a single day—34,947 volunteers.

**In one day more than 3.2 million records were indexed and 1.5 million were arbitrated.

Remember, this work is being accomplished by volunteers, and they keep coming: thousands are still signing up weekly. As a result, millions of people will soon be able to search every name that was recorded in the 1940 U.S. census. Follow this never before seen indexing progress at www.FamilySearch.org

About FamilySearch

FamilySearch International is the largest genealogy organization in the world. FamilySearch is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch and its predecessors have been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources free online or through over 4,600 family history centers in 132 countries, including the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Excerpts from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter 04.30.12

The 1940 U.S. Census Community Project Announces Availability of Free, Name Indexed Records for Six States

Thanks to the efforts of more than 100,000 volunteers nationwide, 1940 U.S. census records are now available for six states, including Delaware, Colorado, Kansas, Oregon, Virginia and New Hampshire. Since April 2, Community Project volunteers have indexed more than 45 million records and this number continues to grow quickly as more than 10,000 volunteers sign up each week. Searchable records for individual states will be released on an ongoing basis with the goal of having the entire U.S. census searchable by the end of 2012

Excerpts from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter 05.09.12

From Our President

Current Membership List Available: Marty will have copies at our June meeting.

Census Indexing: If you are interested in helping with the 1940 Census Indexing Project or any other indexing project, there's a sign-up sheet at the check-in desk or talk to Marty.

CD Library Reminder: Please email your request to Ginny Nichols and she will bring the CD to the next meeting. No phone calls are accepted. Note "CD Library" in subject line.

Fold3: Free Access to War of 1812 Images in June

Fold3 observes the War of 1812 bicentennial by offering free access to this collection throughout the month of June. The War of 1812 has become a forgotten war but was strategically important to the future of American diplomacy, a reinforced independence from Great Britain, and the country's westward expansion. It is best remembered by school children as when The Star-Spangled Banner was written. You may view these rich and revealing historical document at: <http://go.fold3.com/warof1812/>

Excerpts from EOGN 06.01.12

Who Do You Think You Are? to be Canceled

NBC announced on May 13, 2012 that they will not renew the *WDYTYA?* Series for a 4th season. You can download past episodes at NBC.com or Hulu.com. DVDs may also be ordered from Amazon at: <http://goo.gl/OsVXz>.

Excerpts from EOGN 05.08.12 and 05.13.12

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!

GSNB PROGRAM SCHEDULE

July and August - no meetings

September 4 - TBA

October 2 - Ed Swan

"Self Publishing a Family History Book"
(new location) - The Great Outdoors

November 13 - Pete Bradish

(new date) "Naming & Filing Sources"

December 11 - Annual Christmas Social

Henry Louis Gates Jr.: A Life Spent Tracing Roots

An article on the PBS website contains an interview of Henry Louis Gates Jr., known widely as "Skip." Gates is best known for his research tracing the family and genetic history of famous African-Americans. "There are just so many stories that are buried on family trees," says Gates. "My goal is to get everybody in America to do their family tree. He says his goal in this work is twofold: "First, to show that we're all immigrants, and secondly, that we're all mixed – that we all have been intermarrying, or interrelated sexually from the dawn of human history."

You can read the article at <http://goo.gl/f5EdH>

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter 05.10.12

PBS "Finding Your Roots" Update

Every week Henry Louis Gates Jr., produces the show *Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates Jr.* The renowned Harvard professor has helped a number of celebrities make fascinating discoveries into their family genealogy. You can watch previous episodes of this weekly series on your computer at <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/findingyourroots/>

Excerpts from EOGN 04.30.12

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Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 6 pm

NEXT GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, September 4, 2012

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