



THE REGISTER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
OF

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

May 1, 2012

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

In 1982, thirty years ago, a local archaeological adventure began when human remains were uncovered in the "Windover Dig." Tonight we will learn more about this exciting discovery from Dr. Rachel Wentz. Her book *"Life and Death at Windover: Excavations of a 7,000 Year-Old Pond"* was recently released. Dr. Wentz is currently the director of the Florida Public Archaeology Network, East Coast Region. Dr. Wentz has spoken to our society several times and we welcome her return.

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. On May 14th Patti Payne will present a program on "Podcasts, Webinars and Online Classes". 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.) Their May 9th program will be devoted to Brick Walls with various board members available to help. Information must be submitted before the mtg. Website: www.gssb.net

The **Indian River Genealogical Society** held their last general meeting of the season today, May 1st, instead of the 2nd Tuesday. Their website: www.irgs.org

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

Searching for lost relatives?
Win the Lottery!

Member News

The treasurer's position has not yet been filled since George Johnson resigned last month for health reasons. If you are willing to take on this responsibility, please speak with Marty, our President.

In the March general meeting, members voted on and approved this year's budget. If you have any questions or did not receive a copy, please check with Marty.

THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed food recently. We all have enjoyed these yummy snacks!

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 May 15th.

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.

1940 Census Records and Indexes Update

Now that sites have completed their 1940 US census image collections and are working on indexing the records, census news is coming more slowly. Here's where to find 1940 census records and the indexes that are available so far:

Ancestry.com: Record images for all US states and territories are available free, as are searchable name indexes for Delaware and Nevada. An index for Washington, DC, is "in process." A chart on the 1940 census page lets you see indexing progress.

FamilySearch.com: Digitized records are available here for all US states and territories. The name index for the state of Delaware is now completed and available to researchers. You can use the map at Family Search's 1940 census site to see the indexing progress of the 1940 Census Community Project. The darker the state, the more records volunteers have indexed. The completed indexes will become searchable free on Family Search, as well as its commercial partners Archives.com and FindMyPast.com

MyHeritage.com: Records for all states and territories are available now for free, as is an index to all of Rhode Island. MyHeritage also has updated its mobile app so you can search 1940 census records from your iPhone, iPad or Android phone.

The 1940 census record images also are available on FamilyLink.com, which MyHeritage purchased last year. You'll need to register for a free account on the site (if you don't already have an account there) to view the records.

NationalArchives.com: Records for all states and territories are available here for free.

P.S. The Ancestry Insider blog has a good comparison of the census record image viewers on the four sites listed above. It might help you decide which site to use for your 1940 ancestor search.

Posted by Diane, Family Tree Magazine April 17, 2012

How Many 1940 Census Records Have Been Indexed?

Most genealogists know that the 1940 U.S. census images have been released and are now available to everyone. However, these are images only. The indexes will be added "real soon now." Several organizations, including FamilySearch, are busy with indexing efforts. Of course, the real question is: "When will the state I am interested in be finished?" Nobody can tell you the exact date but you can obtain a status report of the efforts at FamilySearch.org.

Go to <https://www.familysearch.org/1940census/> and move your mouse over the state that you are interested in. A pop-up will appear showing you the percentage of records that have been indexed so far by FamilySearch. Some states show zero per cent. One state, Kansas, shows 98%!

Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter April 15, 2012

Ancestry.com Acquires Archives.com: Addressing Genealogists' Concerns

Major news for genealogists was released on April 25, 2012 with this announcement from Ancestry.com: "Ancestry.com Inc. announced today it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Archives.com, a family history website, for approximately \$100 million in cash and assumed liabilities. Archives.com is owned and operated by Inflection LLC, a Silicon Valley-based technology company. Since Archives.com's launch in January 2010, the site has rapidly grown to more than 380,000 paying subscribers who pay approximately \$39.95 a year. Archives.com offers access to over 2.1 billion historical records, including birth records, obituaries, immigration and passenger lists, historical newspapers, and U.S. and U.K. Censuses. 'Archives.com has built a fantastic and fast-growing business that we think is highly complementary to Ancestry.com's online family history offering,' said Tim Sullivan, President and Chief Executive Officer of Ancestry.com. 'We love their focus on making family history simple and affordable,'"

In a conference call with the genealogy media, Archives.com CEO Joe Godfrey and Ancestry.com president Tim Sullivan addressed issues of concern to many family historians. Here's an abbreviated summary written by Diane with Family Tree Magazine:

Is Ancestry.com just trying to eliminate a competitor?

Current plans call for Archives.com to remain largely as is. "We see a different experience in Archives.com. It's priced and positioned differently [from Ancestry.com]."

Will the sites be too similar?

Sullivan and Godfrey say there's some overlapping content, but that how the user experiences each site's content is different and will remain so.

What will happen with the 1940 Census Community Project?

The project, whose partners FamilySearch, Archives.com and FindMyPast.com are recruiting volunteers to index the 1940 census, won't be affected, say both men. Godfrey encouraged volunteers to continue indexing. "Nothing will change as far as the partnership, and nothing will change as far as making the index available for free," he says. He added that Ancestry.com would support Archives.com's participation in the project.

Does this form a monopoly?

They couldn't elaborate on the regulatory approval process for the acquisition, but neither Sullivan nor Godfrey foresees problems. "We're doing this for the right reasons. There's no negative for consumers," Sullivan says.

Excerpts from EOGN 4.25.12 & Diane, Family Tree Magazine 4.26.12

From Our President

Final Call for 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. Once the changes have been made to the current membership list, it will be emailed to all members. If you do not have email, ask Marty for a copy at the June meeting.

Census Indexing: There's still time to sign up to help with the 1940 Census Indexing Project. If you're interested, there's a sign-up sheet at the 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.

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

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.

Online Backup System Recommendation

We all know that computer hard drives crash. We all know that we should back up our files on a monthly basis. And we all have been encouraged to backup our files offsite. So here's a recommended online backup system:

www.carbonite.com/kim

Sign up now for your free 15-day trial. No credit card required. Get 2 months free if you decide to buy.

Doug Burnett Tid Bits Special Edition April 2012

GSNB PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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

A Good Chuckle:

From the Librarian mail list on Rootsweb: "I was helping someone research their ancestor with an uncommon first name (Frontis). Knowing it could be misspelled, I searched AncestryLibrary with the wildcard symbol "Front*". Imagine my surprise to find someone named "Front Row" with the last name I was seeking. Intrigued, I clicked on the link to discover that in the US Navy Cruise Books, the indexer has indexed the photo captions "Front Row", "Middle Row" & "Back Row" as names! There are over 1800 Front Rows, including some Front Row Left to Rights."

REMINDER: WATCH TV SHOWS ONLINE

If you've missed weekly episodes of the two genealogy-related programs now showing on television, you can watch them anytime online:

PBS.org is the website for "*Finding Your Roots*" shown on PBS at 8 pm Sunday nights.

For "*Who Do You Think You Are?*" broadcast Friday nights at 8 pm, check NBC's website: <http://www.nbc.com/who-do-you-think-you-are/>

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, May 15, 2012 at 6 pm

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Art Whelan - "New York Research"

Jacob Hannemann Memorial Room

Titusville Public Library

2121 South Hopkins Ave.

Titusville, FL 32780