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## ***IMAGES OF AMERICA: Dade City***

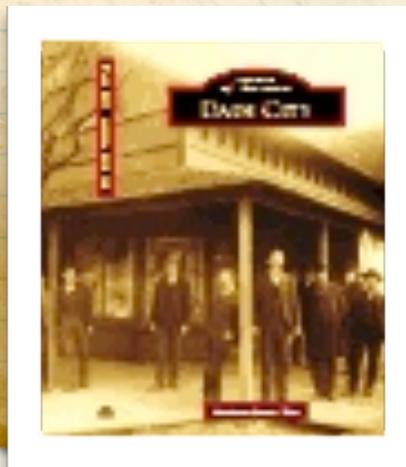
**by** Madonna Wise

*“Images of America: Dade City”* is intended to entice the reader to learn more about Dade City, Florida. The cover proclaims, “Dade City was named for Major Francis L. Dade who perished in the Dade Battle that opened the Second Seminole War, in 1836. As the county seat, formality intermingles with frontier roots in a revered historic courthouse, stately jail, and an array of churches and historic homes. Dade City entices visitors with antique shops, cafes, and historic architecture. Folks are drawn to the hospitality of the Kumquat Festival, homespun county fair, and agricultural showcases at area ranches. In 1908, O. Henry included Dade City in one of his short stories, as a symbol of Americana. Surrounding the historic town are alluring places that tell the stories of Florida: Withlacoochee State Forest, Lake Jovita, Trilby, Lacochee, and San Antonio, to name a few!”

Arcadia Publishing approached me about writing a book on Dade City in 2013. As the author of *Images of America: Zephyrhills* for the 2010 Centennial, I had moved onto genealogy and my first love, fiction, so I graciously declined. Like the hidden ancestor that subliminally nags at you on sleepless nights, recurring emails pushed me to pursue the project. I had worked in Dade City at Pasco High School as a school counselor and ad-

ministrators and volunteered with several boards on projects and grants over the years, so I thought I knew what I was embarking upon, but as often the case, the project loomed bigger each day. A consult with my family convinced me to sign the contract! ( My daughter, Mamie said, “you’re so happy when you are researching and writing these books!”)

My overall goal for the book was collaboration. I emailed my friend, Scott Black from my days on the Pasco Commission’s Historical Preservation Committee for his thoughts. My first stop was the Dade City Chamber of Commerce where John Moors brainstormed with me and ultimately sent me to Michael Sherman with the city’s planning department. Mike scheduled a meeting with the Dade City Historical Preservation Advisory Board who walked me through what they wanted in the book. A group of caring citizens who advise Dade City on preservation issues, the board was prescriptive on recommendations. There were two requests:



*Images of America :*  
*Dade City - Book Cover*

*By Madonna Wise*  
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By **Madonna Wise, Author and member of PCGS**

1) Dade City 'success' stories; and 2) diversity. As far as the success stories, the list is long ..... Jim Courier, Mudcat Grant, and others discovered along the way via Sally Blackwood and other icons of Dade City. In the area of diversity, the board referred me to Margarita Romo and Dr. Berniece Mathews. Romo worked with the school board project I had coordinated in the 1980s, so reconnecting was a delight and wading through scrapbooks to capture aspects of the Farmworkers and Hispanic history reaffirmed my awe of this lady (recently inducted into the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame by the Governor.) Berniece led me to Imani Askukile who himself has written a book on African Americans in Hernando County, and both consulted with on the African American historical entries. Several members of the board emailed me along the way with further suggestions.

Eddie Herrmann, Bill Dayton, Scott Black, and Jeff Miller were historical guides. They reviewed drafts, searched for names and offered insights into Dade City. Coincidentally, they didn't always agree! Nicholas Linville, a professional historian with Southeastern Archaeological Research, Inc., did a review of the book and consulted with his colleagues on the early Native American and explorer entries for accuracy. Carol Jeffares Hedman and Virginia McKendree from the Pasco Fair Association allowed me to rummage through archives of photos. J.

Thomas Touchton, who grew up in Dade City and is the founder of the Tampa History Museum allowed me to utilize his postcard collection and consult with him.

Days at the Hillsborough County John F. Germany Genealogical/Florida Collection with the extraordinary librarians was priceless. N. Adam Watson, Photographic Archivist, Florida Memory Project scanned some scarce photos I needed at my 600 resolution and sent them to me in time for the deadlines. The list goes on and on!

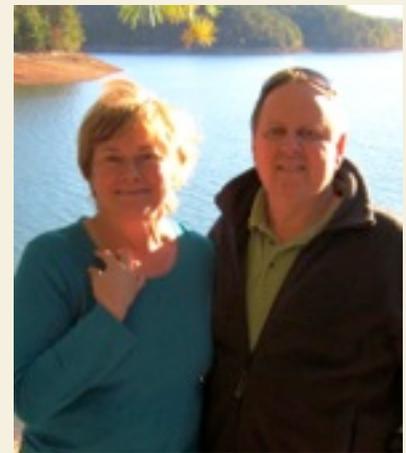
My husband Ernie was the consummate photographer and partner in editing. The beautiful historical houses in Dade City are featured in the book. Many are historical photographs but a good number of images were photographed by Ernie who was meticulous on lighting and planned carefully to feature the houses in authentic style. Talk to Ernie about his challenge in camouflaging modern appendages on 125+ year old houses to feature them in their historical grandeur and meet the publisher's guidelines? Along the way, Ernie met so many homeowners who shared historical accounts and directed us to other sources. Ernie and I always travel with my scanner in tow, so I often made visits to scan various photos.

The book is in final review and should be available in the summer, with specific date to be announced. Local authors have a book signing at Wiregrass Barnes and Noble on Saturday May 17, 2014, from 2 pm to 4 pm. Although the book may not be

available for the book signing, an array of local authors will be there. I will be there with my other books and I am also available to answer any questions on publishing!

Editor's Note - Madonna and her husband Ernie are members of PCGS.

**Congratulations to you both.**



**Madonna and Ernie Wise**

To read more about Mudcat Grant see this Wiki website:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mudcat\\_Grant](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mudcat_Grant)

To read more about Jim Courier see this Wiki website:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jim\\_Courier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jim_Courier)

Remember the date of the book signing May 17, 2014, from 2 to 4 pm at Wiregrass Barnes and Noble Book Store, Wesley Chapel, Florida, where you can find out more about her other six books she has available.



Mariana Gordon, member.



President Janet Avery and Program Chair Debra Fleming at FLGS Annual Meeting.

**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

Hello Fellow PSGS Members,  
 I cannot believe it is almost summer. Most of our Northern members have returned home and the balance of us will be planning our summer. I certainly hope that part of your plans include research.  
 Let's kick off the summer with our May meeting and a visit to Mt. Zion Cemetery. Bring a picnic lunch and join us at the Cemetery. We plan to lay a wreath on the oldest grave and flowers for some graves that no longer have visitors.  
 The end of March I attended The Florida State Genealogical Society Annual Conference. It was very informative with Lisa Louise Cooke as the keynote speaker. She taught us a lot about Google Earth for our research as well as using Evernote for saving information. There was a wonderful presentation on researching your confederate soldiers. The tips learned could also be applied to Union soldiers as well. It was such a wonderful weekend with many many ideas for research, organization, etc. I urge each of you to take advantage of any

of the local seminars/conference. You come away with a new zest for research.  
 In the picture above at the banquet, I was fortunate to have as table mates, the main speaker of the conference Lisa Louise Cooke, Alvie Davidson, sitting next to her. Sitting next to Lisa Louise Cooke is Patrice Green ( with the red dress), on the other side of Alvie is Jeffrey A Bockman (a speaker) and his wife, and of course next to me was Debra Fleming. The other folks I did not know. The picture was taken by FSGS and posted on their Face Book Page.  
 We will start out in September with George G. Morgan presenting "Five Reasons the Records Aren't in the Courthouse". Mark your calendars for September 13, 2014. and get the word out, that we will have a nationally known speaker to all your friends and relatives that he is coming. If you are a member of PCGS, it will be free, but if you are a guest, the cost will be \$20.00 for the event. Hint, to become a member it is only \$15.00. So join now and attend in September.

Have a wonderful summer and happy hunting. Janet

**May Program**

The program will be discussing "What our Burial Practices might be like in the 22nd Century."  
 Leading the panel discussion will be Commissioner Scott Black. A long way away? Not really, it will be only 87 years away. During our lifetime we have seen major changes in the way we bury our dead.  
 After the program, the members are invited to bring a box lunch, and a chair and go to the Mt Zion Cemetery, where many Confederate soldiers are buried along with many of the Founding families of Dade City and surrounding Pasco County.  
 We will be laying a wreath on the grave of William Staten Jackson and his wife. He was the first man buried in the Mt Zion Cemetery in 1872. Now there are almost 1000 burials in this rural cemetery.

# Mary Ashton Rice Livermore

*By Charles Plant*

Born: December 19, 1820 in Boston, Massachusetts.

At the time of her birth there were 20 to 40 thousand people living in the city. Mary was born on Salem Street, just four houses down from the "Old North Church". As you recall, from previous school history, this was the church that gave the signal, "One if by Land and two if by Sea."

Died May 23, 1905 - Melrose, Massachusetts

Graduated from the female Seminary in Charlestown, MA., in 1836 at the age of 16. She taught there for two years after her graduation. (In New England towns, female seminaries were a vital and influential force in the "training of New England women "between 1815 and 1840... they were scattered throughout the region. Such seminaries offered advanced training for daughters of farmers and professionals. )

1839- 1842- She was a taylor on a Virginia Plantation, which formed many of her ideas that came forth in the latter years, her stay on the plantation resulted in her anti-slavery views. This was the result of witnessing first hand the whippings and other mistreatment of the slaves. During her stay on the plantation in Virginia, she kept in touch with her father by writing numerous letters to him. It appears that during this time period, the sender was not required to pay postage., it was the responsibility of the receiver of the letter. She commented on this in her book as being ever grateful to her father for this act of kindness. Also, the cost determined by

the number of pages within the letter at the cost of 25-37 cents per page. The cost was not determined by the weight at that time period. When the time came for her to leave the plantation, she returned home to Massachusetts an ardent abolitionist. She returned home and after a short illness was considered and offered a position to become the head of an academy in Duxbury, MA. She stayed in that position for 3 and one half years. In May 1845, she married Daniel P. Livermore, a universalist minister, and zealous temperance advocate, activist, and writer of religious periodicals

His first church assignment was in Fall River, MA, and they stayed there for six years for they soon realized that they had no time for themselves as they were always "managing their flock". The time came for a decision to move to a smaller community where they could not only minister to the people, but also Mary would have more time to prepare and write her periodicals and essays.

My house that my wife and I bought in 1969, was the parsonage or home of Daniel and Mary Livermore when he was the minister of the Universalist Church in the town of Stafford, CT.

After many years of ministry work and Parish life, they left Stafford and moved, finally settling in Chicago, IL.

When the Civil War broke out, she was appointed to be the co-ordinator of the Northwestern branch of the US Sanitary Commission. Her and other co-workers would visit hospitals, write letters to soldiers'



Charles, PCGS Vice President, tells of his connection with the Livermores, especially about Mary's extensive life.

## Mary had an interesting and a worthwhile life.

families and raise large sums of money for the “cause” as well as provide clothing, bedding, and other staples for the soldiers. She would also accompany soldiers from the hospital to their homes. They returned to Melrose, MA in the early 1870's with Mary going on the lecture circuit for the next 25 years.

She was also a champion for the voting rights for women as she said the “Men and women should stand shoulder to shoulder, equal before the law”. Some of the titles she had during her life are “Editor of the Women’s Rights Periodical”, “The Agitator”, “The President of the American Women’s Suffrage Association”, “President of the Massachusetts Women’s Temperance Union”, President of the Association for the Advancement of Women, and many more honorarium through the years.

In closing, Mary and Daniel were married for 50 plus years, during this time, they both wrote books, periodicals, and numerous essays. Daniel did a lot of research for Mary’s books and other published writings as well as many not published. The book she wrote titled “The Story of My Life” or The Sunshine and Shadow of 70 years, has a complete Chapter relative to the home in CT., that she lived in and where my wife and I raised our children during their young, informative years. On page 414, she tells about the house. She was an impeccable housekeeper and says, “When we were married,” said Mrs. Livermore, with that humor whose current plays and sparkles through all the earnestness of her talk, “our capital consisted of books. I did all my own work. I cut and made my husband's coats and pants.

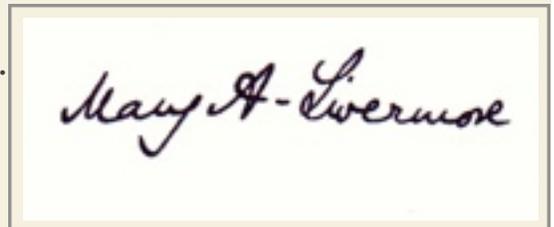
There is no kind of housework with which I am not familiar. I defy anybody to rival me in that line. My drawers, closets, my whole house, are always free for inspection.”

This is a book worth reading, not only as a biography, but as a source of history during such an important time during our country’s history. It was published in 1897 in Hartford, CT and you can read the whole book online at [open/library.org](http://openlibrary.org), or [www.archives.org](http://www.archives.org). Also, the book “Women of the Century by Charles W. Moulton, has several mentions of Mary Livermore, page 307 Chapter XL under subtitle “Women Lecturers”. Chapter 165 talks about her under “The Women of the Civil War.” The full text is available online at [http://www.archive.org/stream/daughtersofameri00hanaiala/daughtersofameri00hanaiala\\_djvu.txt](http://www.archive.org/stream/daughtersofameri00hanaiala/daughtersofameri00hanaiala_djvu.txt)

Mary was also friends with Sarah Borden, Mother of the famous murderess Lizzie Borden, and during the trial, our Mary Livermore was given permission to interview Lizzie in jail.

**And, Yes, the walls do talk, sometimes through the written word.**

by Charles Plant



## More on Mary.....by Editor

In the book on the Livermore Family, they are the seventh generation, and on page 194 is a story about Mary’s husband Daniel. On page 195 , it says Mary was living in Melrose, Middlesex County, Mass. in 1902.

The page lists their children as (1) Mary Eliza, born June 22, 1848, in Stafford, Conn.;died May 23, 1853 in

Weymouth. (2) Henrietta White, born June 6, 1851, in Stafford; m. April 6, 1876, in Melrose, John Oscar, son of Alfred M. and Mary Brown Norris, born in 1844 in Chester, N. H. Their third daughter was (3) Marcia Elizabeth, born June 3, 1854, in Malden.

Daniel and Mary Livermore are buried in Melrose ( Mass.) village burial ground named Wyoming Cemetery, as is their daughter Henrietta and her husband, John Oscar Norris and John’s Mother and Father.

Be sure to read more about this remarkable woman on the internet.

## NEVER THROW ANYTHING AWAY.

BY GENE POAST, PCGS MEMBER

When my sister's husband died recently, she asked me to contact several of our cousins for whom I had more recent contact than she did, to advise them of the death.

My cousin Karen and I correspond by email on occasion and always exchange Christmas cards. When I tried to contact her by email and telephone I got no results. Through another cousin I found that her house had been sold, she had died and that a son had made all the arrangements. No one in the family had any idea as to how to contact the son.

Searching through obituary data bases, Social Security death data files, and other files resulted in nothing even though the death had occurred more than six months prior.

While looking back in my genealogy files I found a report that Karen had prepared for her

supervisor at the hospital where she worked. I remembered when she told me about it, I had expressed an interest and asked for a copy. I located the copy of the report and, of course, it had the name of the hospital.

The report was dated 1996.

When I called the hospital Human Resources Department, they put me in contact with the department that Karen had worked in prior to her retirement ten years ago. When I asked to talk to the longest time employee in that department, a very nice lady explained to me that she and Karen were close friends for many years, that she had no idea that she had died and that she would try to find the son.

Only a few hours later this kind lady called and gave me the telephone number of Karen's son.

When I contacted the son, he said he was the only one of her three sons that knew she died, he had arranged the sale of her house, made all the funeral arrangements and had boxes of family pictures and documents that he would be glad to send to me as he had no idea what to do with them.

I think there may be a lesson here: **Never throw anything away. You may find a need for it much later.**

It is also important, to stay connected with your cousins more often, if possible, and keep all your addresses up to date as you do not know when you might need to contact them.

Editor's note: I am sure Gene did not mean you have to keep everything. Only the important things. Thanks, Gene for telling us about your discovery.

## William Staten Jackson

Born August 8, 1800, Screven County, Georgia; died March 12, 1872 in Dade City, Pasco County, Florida; laid to rest in the new Mt. Zion Cemetery just outside the western edge of Dade City, on St. Joe Road. He was married to Elizabeth Ann **Burnham** (1816 - 1887). After her husband's death, she married 2nd to John E. **Howell** from Dade City. They both are buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

William's parents were John **Jackson** (1773 - 1859) and Sarah **Whitfield** (1779 - 1852). They were the parents of ten children and includes Thomas, John, William, George L., Andrew, Robert, Loreta, Sarah, Martha, and one other not named. John Jackson was a soldier in the War of 1812. John's father Benjamin Jackson born in Virginia, and he was a Revolution War Patriot. Connected to this family are the following Rev. soldiers: Lewis **Lanier** of Va. and Ga.; Francis **McCall**, NC.; Charles **McCall**, SC and Ga.; Joshua **Pearce**, Ga.; Oensimus **Futch**, SC; and Hardy **De Loach**, Va. . In May, the Pasco County Genealogical Society will honor William Staten Jackson in a wreath laying ceremony at the Mt. Zion Cemetery.



## .....End of the Line.

**Painted Hills Genealogy Society**

Painted Hills Genealogy Society (PHGS) is a society specifically involved with New Counties of Allegheny, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua and Steuben New York. Also they are involved with Pennsylvania counties of McKean and Potter. Their current membership is 612 members and growing offering a vast amount of local genealogy to its members. Their membership is open to all serious minded and dedicated genealogists for a mere \$ 5.00 per year.

You may visit their website at [www.paintedhills.org](http://www.paintedhills.org) and view their offerings to include surname listings, local cemetery records/lists, news and events, civil war veterans, census records, early settlers history and photographs, Queries, Obituaries, biographies and links to real people to help you. Chat sessions are available on line and you can participate from home. Mondays and Wednesdays are open chat sessions, while Sunday is generally when guest speakers (professionals, semi-professionals and private citizens) deliver genealogy-related topics, offer tips and assistance to you right online, with a question and answer period that follows. You are required to be a dues paying member to request look-ups and post information to the website.

If you are conducting searches in this area this site is a valuable tool to have for only \$ 5.00 per year. I have used it for one of my direct lines and found it to be helpful. Their cemeteries are indexed and are listed alphabetical by county. I have found the members to be dedicated and helpful and I would strongly recommend that you join this group if you have any connection to the area. Application for membership is on their website.

By George Varney

**UPCOMING Events**

**September 13, 2014 PCGS Meeting- George G. Morgan**, noted genealogist and lecturer will be speaking. Please plan to attend this important meeting. His topic will be "Five reasons the Records aren't in the Courthouse".

**October 11, 2014 PCGS Meeting - Peter Summers**, from Pinellas County Genealogical Society, an FLGS award winner, will be speaking about "Maps, How to use them in Research".

**November 8, 2014 PCGS Meeting- Peter Summers** returns for his second part of his Maps presentation.

**December 13, 2014 PCGS Annual Meeting - Debra Fleming**, PCGS Program Chair, will talk about "Fraternal Organizations and the Role they Play in Genealogy." Being our Annual Meeting, the General Election will be held for Officers for 2015 and Directors.

**Reminder For May 10, 2014**

If you are coming with us to the Mt. Zion Cemetery after the regular meeting, please bring a boxed lunch, and a chair of your choice. A covered pavilion and tables will be provided along with the instructions on how to get to Mt. Zion Cemetery. See more about the Cemetery at: <http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/>

**W E L C O M E ..... NEW MEMBERS****Mariana Gordon**

Researching Surnames of Mirabal, Yopez  
geographic location Venezuela



## SOCIETY INFORMATION

Meetings are the second Saturday of each month, September through May of each year. There are no membership meetings held in June, July, and August. The public is welcome to attend.

Meetings are held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 9016 Fort King Road ( State Road 41), between Zephyrhills and Dade City, Florida.

## MEMBERSHIP

Open to all persons interested in genealogical research. Annual dues cover the period from January 1 through December 31 of the same year.

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<http://pascogenealogy.blogspot.com/>

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Madonna talks about the Postcard collection for Dade City in her article.

This can be a rewarding thing to collect and add so much to your story about your city.

Be on the lookout for your special needs using Ebay or Amazon websites.

## COUNTY LINE.....

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