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President's Message.....



Many *Thanks* are needed as we begin a New Year:

Thank You, Margaret and Ron for serving on the Board of Directors

Thank You, Rosemary Cody for helping with raffle and the Holiday party

Thank you, Pat Valentine and D'Ann Still for creating our beautiful EGSF Banner; Tote bags are in the process of being made by Pat.

I also want to welcome new board members Pat Coffey and Shannon Dandaneau.

2006 was a busy year for EGSF with many new members **and** great programs and speakers. The Officers and Directors completely reviewed and updated the By-Laws. As there were many changes/modifications to be made throughout the entire document, the By-Laws were then re-typed. The By-Laws were voted upon and accepted unanimously at the November meeting and are being provided to members at the regular meetings.

Our January 24th meeting, **Open Forum**, is a meeting requested by members. It is a discussion time for members to share their research successes and ask questions to possibly help solve their brick walls.

EGSF Officers and Directors continue to look forward to serving you. At any time, if you have questions, concerns or program ideas, please feel free to contact us. We are looking for member suggestions of books to purchase or magazines to subscribe to.

I have decided that my 2007 New Year's Resolution is to **seriously** get our research organized. To do this, I plan to attend the Family Tree Maker SIG and get my sources entered/documented. I am looking forward to seeing you at the meetings.

Happy Researching,
Sue Davis

EGSF Website > <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flegsf/index.htm> > Kate Jones Webmaster

OFFICERS ~ 2006

President..... Sue Davis
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~ Gloria Weth, 2008 ~ Pat Coffey 2010 ~ D'Ann Still

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Programs Gene Gutknecht, III
Sergeant-at-Arms Andy Grant
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Resource/ReferenceToni Hopper, Sue Davis

Charlotte Glades Library System

Englewood Charlotte Library..... 474-1881
Pt. Charlotte Murdock Library 697-4308
Pt. Charlotte Public Library625-6470

Sarasota County Library System

Selby Library.....861-1100
Historical Resources316-1115
Gulf Gate Library.....861-1230
Venice Library861-1330
Fruitville Library.....861-2500
Frances T. Bourne
Jacaranda Library861-1260
Elsie Quirk Library861-1200
North Port Library.....861-1300
LDS Family History Center480-0764



SIG's Information

Meetings are at Elise Quirk Public Library

These are all subject to change

**** To belong to a SIG - group you must BE an EGSF MEMBER***



Europe SIG meets 4th Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.
in the large conference room

Contact: Jim Muhs, Sr. - 474-9602

Midwest SIG meets 2nd Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.
in the small conference room

Contact: Gloria Weth - 697-4918

Canada SIGS Contact: Pat Coffey
ross.coffey@comcast.net

Southern States SIG Contact: Sue Davis

Colonial SIG meets 1st Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.
in the small conference room

Contact: Shannon Dandaneau - kanona12@verizon.net

British Isles meets 1st Thursday at 1:00 p.m.
in the large conference room

Contact: Ron Thurston - 408-8483

Tri-State meets the 4th Wednesday *immediately*
following the general meeting at - 3:30 pm.

Contact: Nancy Hammond - 697-7985

FTM - SIG - *First Wednesday of the Month* - 10:00 - 11:30 AM -D'Ann Still ~ bocabrats1@verizon.net <[new]
In the Large Conference Room - BRING QUESTIONS.... > [Feb 7; Mar 7; Apr 4]

Beginning Genealogy - SIG - **Third Wednesday of the Month* - 10 : 00 - 11:30 AM , Sue Davis ~
suedavis101@comcast.net ~ In the Large Conference Room > [Jan 17 - Feb 21 - Mar 21 - Apr 18]

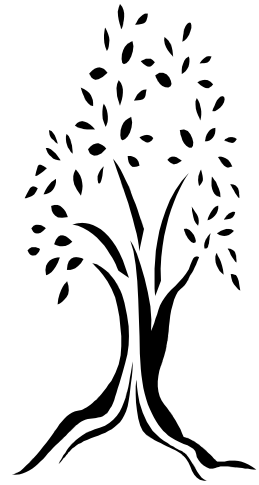
- Dot Hogan is now at EQL in the Reference/Genealogy Department to help you on Monday mornings from 9-12
- Combining of SIG > NE States + Canada and Mid Atlantic + Southern States; to be talked about in Jan.

Please Do Not call the Library - they do not have the resources to handle messages for us.
All members welcome to join in ~ Join in one group or more.... Have Fun!

VAN GOGH'S FAMILY TREE

Van Gogh came from quite a large family, and most of us don't know anything about the others. Just in casesomeone asks you about the others sometime, this may help you.

His dizzy aunt-----Verti Gogh
The brother who ate prunes-----Gotta Gogh
The brother who worked at a convenience store-----Stop n Gogh
The grandfather from Yugoslavia -----U Gogh
The cousin from Illinois -----Chi-ca Gogh
His magician uncle-----Where-diddy Gogh
His Mexican cousin-----A Mee Gogh
The Mexican cousin's American half-brother-----Grin Gogh
The nephew who drove a stage coach-----Wells-far Gogh
The constipated uncle-----Can't Gogh
The ballroom dancing aunt-----Tang Gogh
The bird lover uncle-----Fla-min Gogh
His nephew psychoanalyst-----E Gogh
The fruit loving cousin-----Man Gogh
An aunt who taught positive thinking-----Way-to Gogh
The little bouncy nephew-----Poe Gogh
A sister who loved disco-----Go Gogh
And his niece who travels the country in a van (you guessed it!) -----WinnieBayGogh
And there ya Gogh!



INDEX'S COMPLETED - Submitted by Gloria Weth

Roger P. Minert's series of Place Name Indexes for the German Empire (1871-1918) has been completed. The most recent, and final, indexes are for East Prussia and Silesia. Others include Alsace-Lorraine, Baden, Bavaria, Brandenburg, Braunschweig/Oldenburg/Thuringia, Hanover, Hesse, Hesse-Nassau, Mecklenburg, Palatinate, Pomerania, Posen, Rhineland, Schleswig-Holstein (with Bremen/Hamburg/Lubeck), Kingdom of Saxony, Province of Saxony, Westphalia (with Hohenzollern/Lippe/Schaumburg-Lippe/Waldeck), West Prussia, and Wurttemberg.

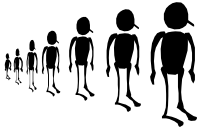
Indexes for Switzerland are also available (in CD only). To order one or more indexes with (secure) payment by credit card, go to www.rogerpminert.com.

MyFamily.com, Inc. Changes Corporate Name to The Generations Network

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PROVO, UTAH – December 19, 2006 – MyFamily.com, Inc., the leading online network for connecting families across distance and time, today announced that it is changing its name to The Generations Network, Inc., effective immediately.

The company will continue to serve families online through its portfolio of leading brands and websites. Ancestry.com, Ancestry.co.uk, Rootsweb.com, and Genealogy.com together form the No. 1 network of family history websites in both the United States and United Kingdom; Ancestry's OneWorldTreeSM is the world's largest online family tree.



WANTED: VOLUNTEERS

- Nominating Committee - as stated in the 2006 revised By-Laws

ARTICLE VI - NOMINATIONS: Section 1: At the regular February meeting, a Nominating Committee shall be established.

- **Set-up Committee** - to assist in getting the room set-up for the meeting.
- **Hospitality Committee** - to serve as greeters and/or host or hostess at meetings and provide refreshments for any planned special meetings.

A sign-up sheet will be available for members to indicate their choice of committee at the January 24th meeting.



Florida Genealogical Society Upcoming Programs



January 20, 2007

The FGS will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday, January 20, 2007, at 10:00 A.M. in the Auditorium of the John F. Germany Library at 900 North Ashley Drive in Downtown Tampa.

The guest speaker is nationally-recognized genealogical speaker Donna Moughty, who will present a program titled "Who Is the Head of the Household? Census Research Insights." Admission is free.

February 17, 2007

The FGS will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday, February 17, 2007, at 10:00 A.M. in the Auditorium of the John F. Germany Library at 900 North Ashley Drive in Downtown Tampa.

The guest speaker is award-winning author, columnist, and genealogical expert George G. Morgan, who will present a program titled "25 Places Where Genealogy Clues Can Hide." Admission is free.

Florida Genealogical Society website at <http://www.fgstampa.org> for other information, directions, times, and other programs.



Thoughts and Prayers are being sent to Lorraine Walsh and their families, as Tom is currently in the Venice Hospice



Memoriam to our EGSF Members and Their Families

Our Sympathy goes to Judy Dunten, in remembrance of her husband, Terry Dunten, who passed away in November.

Also our Sympathy to Jeanne Mead while remembering her husband, Jack H. Mead, who passed away in December.



DUES ~ DUES ~ DUES ~ 2007 RENEWALS!



We are now collecting DUES for 2007~ **Please make checks payable to EGSF.** * Plan to be there early if paying due to programs starting; we will allocate 1:00 - 1:30 and/or 3:30 - 4:00 pm for paying members. *Up-date: Badges will now be \$10.00 > Contact: Sally G. Thomas S252thomas@comcast.net

- Please be sure to SIGN in at the door with Gloria Weth or other EGSF volunteers.
- **Reminder:** Continue to send in your Surnames ~The new EGSF Directory will be out at the MARCH meeting
> Please bring your Surname List to the meeting. Give them to any Board Member.
- **Correct E-mails and phone numbers A MUST!It is time to make the corrections NOW**
- **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** This could be your LAST Mailed issue of the Timelines ... Please be sure to Re-new your membership before the February 28 EGSF Meeting. Don't be left out of the mailings. Next Issue is Mar/Apr 2007. If you have an article to share in the newsletter; > contact D'Ann Still > bocabrats1@verizon.net [new email address] *If there is a RED 'R' on your label it only means that you have paid your dues, Thank you.



If you need to mail your Dues in please send them to:
EGSF; PO BOX 765; Englewood FL 34295-0795



Teens play detectives with their family history in the Lemon Bay 2007 Young Adult Oral History Essay Contest.

The Lemon Bay 2007 Young Adult Oral History Essay Contest, an integral part of Lemon Bay History week in February, is in its third year. Librarians, Toni Hopper and Pat Lewis, and library volunteer, Marlene Dimitriou, developed this contest to support teens' interest in family history. In order to preserve their family histories, the contest guides teens to interview older family members about their own lives.

Starting now through Friday, January 12, we will be accepting essays from high school students. Students are welcome to contact relatives, visit libraries, cemeteries, and interview family members for their research. Essays can be about one person or can tell the story of an entire family. The essay must include how and/or why the person's family came to America.

Winning essays will get prizes and will be posted on the library's webpage. A reception will be held for participating students and their families at the library on February 5, 2007 at 5:30 PM, where the winning students will read their essays.

Prizes are:

- \$50 Books a Million gift certificate for best overall
- \$25 Books a Million gift certificate for most creative
- \$25 Books a Million gift certificate for best researched
- All other students will receive a certificate of recognition.



If you know a teen who has an interest in research and/or genealogy, please tell them about this contest. Registration forms and criteria can be accessed on the Internet at www.sclibs.net by following the links: Planet Teen, Teen Programs, 2007 Young Adult Oral History Contest. They are also welcome to pick up an application at the Elsie Quirk Youth Service Desk. Also, they can call 861-5000 and ask about the Young Adult Oral History Essay Contest at the Elsie Quirk Library. The Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library and the Englewood Genealogical Society of Florida are sponsoring this contest.

- This is really interesting.... Birthday Calendar: <http://www.paulsadowski.com/BirthData.asp>

It tells you how many hours and how many seconds you have been alive on this earth and when you were probably conceived. How cool is that? This is cool. After you've finished reading the info, click again, and see what the moon looked like the night you were born. This is neat.

Who says our time clocks aren't ticking....



- **DO YOU KNOW....** Submitted by Sally Thomas

.....if you register on E-bay (free), you can have email messages sent to you when new items match what you are looking for, a surname, hometown, etc? When you are searching a surname, a place, or the general category "genealogy" and you don't find what you are looking for, click "Add to Favorite Searches" on the right side and a box will appear.

.....you can download any of the 370 presentations at the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) that was held in Boston this past summer? Assuming you have Windows XP, you can listen to the lectures while you are doing other computer "chores." www.lulu.com/fgs2006 The charge is \$1.99/lecture. Each lasts at least one hour. The lectures are saved to My Pictures, so you can listen as often as you wish.

To go in order and download those speakers you wish to hear from the FGS 2006 Conference.

*There is no longer a direct link from FGS.org. I have just tested out the site and it works. Lulu is the company through which you order and pay for any of the downloads. www.lulu.com/fgs2006 [Pay Pal-Acc]

- **What is a Second Cousin... Third... etc...** Submitted by D'Ann Still

If someone walked up to you and said "Hi, I'm your third cousin, once removed," would you know what they meant? Most of us don't think about our relationships in such exact terms ("cousin" seems good enough), so many of us aren't very familiar with what these words mean. When working on your family history, however, it's important to understand the various types of cousin relationships.

First cousins are the people in your family who have two of the same grandparents as you. Second cousins have the same great-grandparents as you, but not the same grandparents. Third cousins have in common two great-great-grandparents and their ancestors.



When cousins descend from common ancestors by a different number of generations they are called "removed." ~ Once removed means there is a difference of one generation. Your mother's first cousin would be your first cousin, once removed. She is one generation younger than your grandparents and you are two generations younger than her grandparents. ~ Twice removed means that there is a two-generation difference. Your grandmother's first cousin would be your first cousin, twice removed because you are separated by two generations.

Just to complicate matters, there are also many cases of double cousins. This situation usually occurs when siblings from one family marry siblings from another family. The resulting children, grandchildren, etc. are double cousins, because they share all four ancestors in common. These types of relationships can be difficult to determine and it is usually easiest to chart them one at a time (through one family line and then through the other line).

Source: Myfamily.com

- **YOUR WEBSITES WANTED:** We would like the EGSF Members to submit two or more favorite Websites.
- Send them to the Editor of the Timelines.... at bocabrats1@verizon.net

WEBSITES



Websites for FREE telephone searching can be found at:

www.zabasearch.com

www.superpages.com

www.whitepages.com

Passenger Lists: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/passenger/index-e.html>

Marriage and Death Records from the Illinois Archives Database. <http://www.library.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/databases.html>

Eastman Newsletter.. there is more to the article. You can get it free, too, up to 2 gigs. Go to Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, dated 12/20. The website is: <http://mozy.com/?kbid=7017>

<http://misbach.org/pdfcharts/>

www.digitalgenealogist.com

http://www.openoffice.org/dev_docs/features/2.0/index.html > Works like Microsoft Office and is compatible with their documents

Unlimited Online Storage for \$4.95 a Month

I have written before about Mozy, an online backup service for Windows XP. I use this service daily and love it. When I wrote the earlier article, Mozy was offering up to two gigabytes of backup space free of charge and larger amounts of online storage on a sliding scale of charges. Now Mozy has a new announcement that I find amazing: Mozy's free offering for two gigabytes of storage space remains the same, but the company now offers UNLIMITED backup space for only \$4.95 a month.

EGSF <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flegsf/index.htm> > *Kate Jones Webmaster*

<http://www.rootstelevision.com>

<http://www.censusmate.com>

aboutgenealogy.com/library/humor

genealogy.about.com/od/naming_patterns

Castle Garden ~ Submitted by Terry Savage



Heads up genealogists and family tree researchers, because here at Castle Garden, you can get free access to the amazing database of immigrants who arrived between 1830 and 1892, which of course, falls in the time period of Ellis Island's opening. According to the site, over 72 million Americans should be able to trace their relatives to this period of immigration.

How does it work? Well, you can type the first and last name of who you want to find into the search engine on the left side of the page. If you don't know either of those, you can use an * in either field as a wildcard. Then select the range of dates you'd like to search. Now, click the Search Now button.

The results are displayed in a table, where you will get a listing of people by that name. You will also find their occupation, age, sex, arrived (the date they arrived), origin (country of origin) and the ship they came in on. Just searching for folks with my last name generated 191 results and let me tell you, I was amazed. I didn't find any relatives, but that's still a good amount of results generated. So, I think if you have specific names and dates, your results would be fairly zeroed in on the correct area.

What else can you do here? Well, you can check out the Timeline, which is not completed at this time, but has tons of interesting information on it already about the history of Castle Garden. This is a truly amazing site filled with useful and interesting content that can help you trace your roots! <http://www.castlegarden.org/>

Preservation Tip of the Month ~ Submitted by Sue Davis

Source: **Genealogy Gems**, December 31, 2006

[The electronic newsletter, published by the Allen County Public Library's Historical Genealogy Department]

In spite of what many believe, airtight plastic containers and plastic bags meant for food storage are not suitable for the storage of important family documents, papers and letters, and other keepsakes. Many of these containers and bags are not inert, with chemical reactions taking place within them that can damage their contents. This tip came from a website entitled "Top 10 Preservation Tips" and may be worth your while to check out.

Top 10 Preservation Tips > *Simple ideas about what to do and what to avoid to safely preserve your family jewels.*

- PHOTOS: NO KISSING!
- GET YOUR PHOTOS OUT OF MAGNETIC ALBUMS
- PHOTOCOPY NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS
- WATCH OUT FOR AND DON'T USE "REGULAR" ADHESIVE TAPES AND GLUES
- SEPARATE KEEPSAKES FROM EACH OTHER
- BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND
- FOOD STORAGE CONTAINERS ARE FOR FOOD ...
- COLOURED INK AND PAPERS: Caution!
- NEGATIVES NEED SPECIAL CARE
- BEWARE THE UNHEATED BASEMENT ... ATTIC, GARAGE, AND CRAWLSPACE



Bonus tip: *never do anything irreversible (like lamination) to your photos and keepsakes*

For more information for each tip, go to: www.familyjewelsarchival.com/orphantop10.htm#7

ONLINE GENEALOGY CLASSES RESUME Submitted: Sue Davis

Sad news, the online genealogy classes from **myfamily.com** classes stopped.

Good news, however, online genealogy classes at <http://classes.genclass.com/> have recently begun. To discover what the GenClass site exactly was about, I did have to register with a username and password in order to Login. I did not have to sign up for any classes. I now get email updates about current and future classes. The classes last for 4 weeks and cost \$29.95 per class. Detailed course descriptions/outline and an instructor biography for each class/ instructor are supplied. Several courses offer the classes in Basic and Advanced, depending on your level of research. To view the variety of courses being offered, the website has class offerings listed by month, through April.

Current scheduled classes for January include:

Family Tree Maker 16 – The Basics - Jump Start Your Genealogy!

Lost Friends and Family Investigative Class ~ Native American Genealogy ~ Northeastern United States Genealogy

Other upcoming scheduled classes include:

Scottish Research, Eastern European Research, Jewish Research, Great Lakes Research, Write Your Family History, Adoption, Organizing Your Family History and MORE.....For more information, visit the catalog at

<http://classes.genclass.com/>.

Raffle Winners: *Brenda Korpi ~ Pat Coffey ~ Joann Smith ~ Ivory Fish*

★ *Olga Giard* won the EGSF Bag made by *Pat Valentine*

Poinsettia winners are: *Audrey MacLellan ~ Virginia Olsowy ~ Tom Weth*

We had two guests that won prizes!





EGSF CALENDAR 2007

Fill in your calendars now....

1:30 - 3:30 REGULAR MEETING

January 24 ~ Open Forum - Bring your questions, Artifacts and brick walls! Your accomplishments this summer! Interesting Stories... *you be the program...*

- Gene G. will talk about how he went about writing letters to France and got answers!
- Geni also got response from 25 letters she sent out... *Come see how this all happened*

February 28 ~ "Organizing" My Family Bible Notebook; Using the 15 Generation Chart; 4x6 Index Card File; Generating your own forms using your computer database; with D'Ann Still

March 28 ~ EGSF Member Mary Ellen Lowe will speak on DAR

April 25 ~ Sandy Beach and George Siglin will be speaking about Photo Care and Restoration:

May 12* ~ Saturday Meeting 9:30 - 11:30 A.M.

*Denotes different day

Using your Sarasota or Charlotte County Library Card

- **Heritage Quest** - <http://suncat.co.sarasota.fl.us/>
- Scroll down and click on Heritage Quest Online
- You need a Sarasota Co. Library Card!
- Your Library bar code is required



***** Southwest Florida Genealogical Societies *****

Charlotte County Genealogy Society regular meeting held 3rd Wednesday at St. James Episcopal Church on Viscaya Dr. in Port Charlotte. Contact: Tom Ryder at 941-625-6443 **Time: 2 P.M.** > <http://www.rootsweb.com/flccgs>

Englewood Genealogy Society meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Elsie Quirk Public Library - **Time: 1:30 - 3:30** *check EGSF website for changes due to holidays etc.
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flegsf/index.htm>

Manasota Genealogy Society meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at Manatee Co. Central Public Library, Bradenton, FL 34205 **Time: 10:00 A.M**

Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida meets the third Sunday of the month from 1:00 - 3:00, October through May, at the Flanzer Jewish Community Center, 582 So. McIntosh Road, Sarasota. **Contact:** Kim Sheintal (klapshin@aol.com); website - <http://www.jgsswf.org>

Lakewood Ranch Genealogy Society meets the first Monday of the month from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, October through May at the Lakewood Ranch Town Hall. **Contact:** JoAnn Froman (cjhfroman@verizon.net)

Genealogical Society of Sarasota County - <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flgss>

★ The Southwest Florida German Genealogy Group will meet on Saturday, March 3, from 10 AM to 12 Noon at the Port Charlotte Library. There will be discussion groups after that if anyone cares to stay. This group meets just four times a year.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flegsf/index.htm> Kate Jones ~ Webmaster



TIMELINES....

EGSF
P.O. BOX 795
Englewood, FL 34295-0795

The Englewood Genealogical Society of Florida, Inc. EGSF was founded in February of 2001.

Our Goals of the Englewood Genealogical Society are:

- To share information among our members.
- To help with genealogical problems so that family genealogy may be more complete and accurate.
- To assist present and future family researchers.
- To develop new friendships and stimulate pride in our heritage.

MEMBERSHIP in the Society is open to anyone with an interest in genealogy.

The *TIMELINES....* is published ~ January ~ April ~ September ~ November (4 times per year)

Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month except June August. Dues are \$15.00 for individuals; \$20.00 for family. Dues are payable January 1 and are delinquent after February 1st. Prorating will be applicable to NEW joining members who will be charged \$10.00 badge fee even if they join after June 30th.

Published articles may be copied for use by genealogist or for reprint if proper credit is given. Queries are welcome, as are short stories on local history or personal family lore. All submissions to the newsletter must be received by the 20th of the month to: **EGSF; P.O. BOX 795; Englewood, FL 34295-0795**

EGSF WEBSITE > <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flegsf/index.htm> > *Kate Jones Webmaster*

LET'S KEEP OUR SOCIETY GROWING

*Remember — "To Give Is To Get"
Get personal one-on-one help in
exchange for volunteer services to an
EGSF committee.*



Bring us your Ideas for Programs

What would you like to see a program on ?

Give us some ideas...

Let your EGSF Board know your interests!

Attention Members

Our local genealogy department will gladly accept donations to purchase periodicals or magazines in their search area. Your gift item will include a commemorative bookplate placed in the item. These items would also be a wonderful memorial gift for a friend or loved one. The average cost of library materials is \$25.

This is a suggested minimum donation. The donation is tax deductible. Call Toni Hopper for suggestions for your gift.