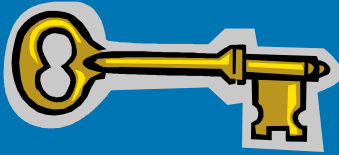


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Don't forget that the MGS Board meets the last Wednesday of the month at 10:00 at the Manatee History Records Library in Bradenton (October-May).

All members are invited to attend.

### OUR 2008-2009 YEAR BEGINS!

Our Vice President, Jean Morris, has done another fantastic job at scheduling great speakers and topics for our 2008-2009 year at Manasota Genealogical Society! Listed below is the schedule – All meetings begin at 9:30 am and end at 12:30 pm. Our Computer Special Interest Group meets in the afternoon following each meeting at around 12:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, October 7, 2008 - CINDY RUSSELL

“The Paper Trail: Florida’s Court House Holdings”

#### Thursday, November 6, 2008 - FRAN CARTER-WALKER

“The Mysteries of Time Lines”

NOTE THE DAY CHANGE DUE TO ELECTIONS!

#### Tuesday, December 2, 2008 - ALEX MORRIS

“The Most Important Moment in American History:

George Washington’s Resignation from the Army”



#### Join us for Ethnic Cookie & Bread Party!

Share your favorite homemade cookie or bread recipe with our members! Also bring the written recipe with you and we will create our own MGS Heirloom Recipe Collection!

#### Tuesday, January 6, 2009 - DREW SMITH

“Kicking the Tires of Genealogy Software”

#### Tuesday, February 3, 2009 - GEORGE MORGAN

“Definitive Guide to Ancestry.com”

#### Tuesday, March 3, 2009 - TOM KEMP

Topic to be determined

#### Tuesday, April 7, 2009 - BRYAN MULCAHY

“Pre-1820 Immigration to the New World”

#### Tuesday, May 5, 2009 - ANNE YOUNG

“Photographs and Souvenirs”

(Show and Tell! Bring your favorite genealogy treasures to share with our members!



From “Dear Abby” newspaper column:

Dear Abby:

I have always wanted to have my family history traced, but I can't afford to spend a lot of money to do it. Any suggestions?  
Sam in California

Dear Sam:

Yes. Run for public office!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

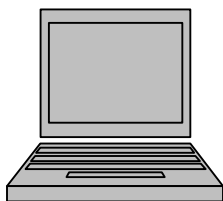
The fall season is now with us, summer is over and it is time for the MGS 2008/2009 season to begin. Our first meeting of this new season is Tuesday, October 7, 2008. We all hope that you who are here in the area will come and "kick off" our new season. Jean Morris, our VP for Programs, has organized an impressive slate of speakers for the season. Check out our schedule published in this newsletter, or on our web site at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flmgs/meetings.htm>.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Anne Young (now our past president) for her 2 1/2 years of service as president of MGS, and the past years Board members for their dedicated support. Without these volunteers, we would not have the active organization that we enjoy. We are a very flexible organization and I would appreciate it if you (the individual members) would provide suggestions to me (or another Board member) for meeting content, or any other issue as we go forward in this new season. Our Computer SIG group will continue with an active program schedule for the season. We will be starting a RootsMagic software users group (SIG) this year, come to the meeting and sign up. To support our activities, it is important that members keep their dues payments up to date; you can do this at our regular monthly meeting. Best wishes and happy "genealogy hunting".

Jim McHugh, President MGS

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A message from our new Computer Special Interest Group (SIG) Chairperson  
Currie Colket



The World Wide Web, otherwise known as the Internet, is becoming a primary tool in conducting genealogical research. It is also a valuable tool in sharing your genealogical research. The October Computer SIG will address how to build your own home page. It will cover motivations to having your own home page, how to create an Internet file, and how to post the Internet file to the home page. Whether you ever create your home page or not, this presentation will give you a better understanding as to how the Internet works so that you can more effectively use the Internet in your genealogical research. This presentation will help remove some of the mystery associated with the Internet.

The Computer SIG will meet at 12:30 PM on 7 October 2008 at the Downtown Bradenton Public Library. If you have a wireless laptop, please bring your computer. Hopefully, we will be able to conduct some hands-on posting of home pages. The presentation is oriented towards people who are familiar with the use of the Internet, but who have never created a home page.



**Missouri Ancestors?** Gone West Publications is pleased to announce that eleven volumes of Howard, Boone and Randolph counties Missouri Newspaper Abstracts are available on CD as well as book form. Before you invest, check their indexed them on-line to see if any of your family names are included.  
[www.gonewestpublications.com/books.html](http://www.gonewestpublications.com/books.html). You will find nearly 80,000 names.

**Prince William County Virginia Ancestors?** Images of thousands of chancery loose papers of 19th and 20th century are now available online at the Library of Virginia's website at:  
[www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/local/chancery/index.htm](http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/local/chancery/index.htm), Check out thousands of other records on-line at this site.

**Free government headstones or markers for graves of eligible veterans.** We should all know about this service, but just in case you do not. The Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) will furnish, on request, at no charge to the applicant, a government headstone or marker for the unmarked grave of any deceased eligible veteran in any cemetery around the world, regardless of their date of death. Public Law 110-157 was signed 26 Dec 2007. It allows the V.A. to furnish a government headstone for the grave of eligible veterans who died on or after 1 Nov 1990 regardless of whether the grave is already marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker. Earlier laws allowed government markers only on those graves that had no headstone. When burial or memorialization is in a national cemetery, or military post/base cemetery, a headstone or marker will be ordered by the cemetery officials based on inscription information provided by the next of kin or a representative, such as a funeral director, cemetery official or veterans counselor, along with the veterans military discharge documents, to request a Government-provided headstone or marker. Proof of military service prior to World War I requires detailed documentation, such as muster rolls, extracts from State files, pension documents or land warrants, to be considered for these markers. Spouses or dependents are not eligible for this headstone unless they are buried in a National Cemetery, State Veterans' Cemetery, or military post/base cemetery. For more info visit: [www.cem.va.gov/CEM/index.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/index.asp)

**Updated guides to Tracing Family Trees on RootsWeb.** All the links in the 31 guides of the RootsWebs Guide to this series have now been updated. They are found under "Getting Started" link on their homepage, and are a valuable resource if you are new to genealogy or need to do a review of their resources. They give you tips on how to start, what different records to use, and where to find them, how to cite your sources, and more at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com) then click on *RootsWeb Guide to Tracing Family Trees* on the left side.

**Free Search Help for Google.** This free genealogy site will assist you use Google for your research. It creates a series of different search paths using tips or tricks to improve your results. The various searches give you many different avenues of utilizing Google to find your ancestors info on the Internet.

**German Ancestors?** Explore German heritage in America, and your own history, traditions, language and genealogy <http://germanoriginality.com>. This website is sponsored by the German National Tourist Office & the German Information Center USA. You will find a time-line of emigration at <http://germanoriginality.com/heritage/1600s.php> that gives an overview of why or when our ancestors may have emigrated. There is also a link to guidelines for genealogical research, and research trips to Germany.

## JOTS FROM JEAN (continued)

**Take another look at Webpages by Stephen P. Morse.** It contains Ellis Island search forms and Ship Arrivals free downloads, and dozens of sites to check out, such as *Ellis Island Manifests i.e. the missing manifests; listings of All NY Passengers 1820-1957; the Morton Allan Directory of Ships; Castle Garden Browser; Boston Ship Lists 1820-1943; New Orleans Passengers 1820-1945; Philadelphia Passengers 1800-1945; Hamburg Manifests 1850-1934; US Census and Soundex 1790-1940; 1900-1940 US Census Street Finder YES 1940; Canadian Census 1851-1911; British Census 1841-1901; 1925 Brooklyn NY Census; Social Security Death Records SSDI; New York Naturalizations; Illinois Death Records 1915-1950; Phonebook Lookups; Montreal City Directories; MAPS; ZIP CODE Map; Area Codes for the US and Canada; Hebrew Translation; Yiddish Translation; English to Russian; English to Greek; Arabic to English; Virtual Keyboard - typing special characters of any Latin-based alphabet on one step; DNA; Migration Paths; Blockers: Why NOT to install Pop-Up Blockers and Spyware Blockers* by Dick Eastman; Morse's Code; Googling by date; also recently added is a one step search application for 160,000 people who were at Dachau Concentration Camp. Unlike many of the other tools on his site in which the data is stored on a different web site, these records are on HIS website. You can find these records in the Holocaust and Eastern Europe section of his site at [www.stevemorse.org](http://www.stevemorse.org)

**Mailwasher free.** Have you ever wished that you could return spam to its sender and fool them into thinking that your e-mail address is not valid? MailWasher lets you do just that. You can also choose to delete a message on the e-mail server without downloading it. MailWasher retrieves info about all e-mail messages on the server. To check e-mail, you don't open your e-mail client. Instead, you start MailWasher, and it tells you what messages are waiting for you on the mail server. In the check boxes, you select whether to Delete or Bounce your messages, then click the Process Main button. If you have checked nothing, the e-mail is downloaded to your e-mail as normal. [www.mailwasher.net/](http://www.mailwasher.net/)

**Foil Telemarketers with three little words.** The three little words are "*Hold on please.*" Saying this while putting down your phone and walking away (instead of hanging up) would make each telemarketing call so much more time consuming that boiler room sales would grind to a halt. Then when you eventually hear your phone's beep, beep tone you know its time to go back and hang up your phone, which has efficiently completed its task. These 3 words help you eliminate telephone soliciting.

**What about those calls when there is no one there.** This is another technique where a machine makes the calls and records the time of day a person answers the phone. It is used to determine the best time for a 'real salesperson' to call you back and find you at home. What can you do if you answer and no one is there is to **at once start to hit the # button 6-7 times on your phone.** This confuses the machine that dialed your number and it kicks your number out of their system!

**Junk Mail Help.** When you get ads enclosed with your bills, return these ads with your payment. Let them throw their own junk mail away. When you get pre-approved letters in the mail for everything from credit cards to 2nd mortgages, don't throw away the return envelope. Most of them come with postage-paid return envelopes. It costs them more than the regular 37¢ "IF" and when they receive them back. It costs them nothing if you throw them away! A good idea is to save these envelopes and mail back some of your junk mail to them just to get rid of it. Send an ad for your local chimney cleaner to American Express. Send a Pizza coupon to Citibank, or just send a blank application back! Banks and Credit Companies are currently getting a lot of their own junk back in the mail, but folks, we need to OVERWHELM them! Let them know what it's like to get lots of junk mail, and best of all they are paying for it Twice!

[The above three "helps" are from *The Sarasota PC Monitor* in 2008]

**There were many new titles added Genealogy Collection at the Manatee County Library over the summer. Thanks to Pam Gibson for keeping us up-to-date on these new acquisitions!**

Call No.	Titles added to Genealogy Collection
Gen 929.1 Wes	Tracing Your Family Tree: A Beginning Guide to Genealogy at Selbly Public Library. 2000
Gen 929.2 Oke	The Justice of Our Cause: A History of the Okey Family in the War of the Rebellion. 1861-1865. by Mark D. Okey 440 pages with lots of nice clear copies of the family members actual Federal military records and photographs. Published by author, 1999. (NOTE -- this book would make a great teaching tool -- finding and reading the actual records, how to gather photos and letters of the family and other items of the times to set the scene and tell the story.)
Gen 929.3748 Bur	Eighteenth Century Pennsylvania Emigrants from Hasslock and Boehl in the Palatinate. by Annett K. Burgert. AKB Publications, 32 pages, c. 1983. (Donated by William Bassett Chapter NSCDXVIIC
Gen 929.3756 Par	A Guide to Moore County Cemeteries. Comp. by Anthony E. Parker. Pub. by The Moore County Historical Association, 1975-1976. Unpaged, but with name index, cemetery list and maps. A few photos.
Gen 929.3756 Smi	Family Burying Grounds and Abandoned Church Cemeteries in Guilford County, N.C. and immediate environs. by O.Norris and Rebecca H. Smith. Publication 1, 1978. 34 pages plus name index and map on inner rear cover.
Gen 929.3757 Har	Cemetery Inscriptions of Dorchester County South Carolina Volume 1. Comp. by Lillian H. Harley, Pattie W. Heaton and Lillian D. Kizer. Dorchester Eagle-Record Pub. Co. 1978. Donated by Jeal Calvin Chapter, The Huguenot Society of America. 128 pages, photos and fold-out map at page 60-61.
Gen 929.3757 Hoo	Berkley County Cemetery Inscriptions. Charleston Chapter, South Carolina Genealogical Society. 401 pages, including the name index and fold out maps. A number of maps included within the text pages.
Gen 929.3757 You	Tombstone Inscriptions of Old Little River Church, founded 1791, Abbeville County, South Carolina. by Pauline Young. Small booklet, only 23 pages, with history of the area and history of the Baptist Church.
929.3775 B57t6	Town of Milwaukee: Families from 1850. by Miriam (Mimi) Bird. Published by Milwaukee County Genealogical Society, c. 1989, 372 pages, with name index and map index
Gen 929.3771 Coc	The 1850 Census of Belmont County, Ohio
Gen 929.3771 Dav	The 1850 Census of Monroe County, Ohio
Gen 929.3771 Dav	The 1860 Census of Belmont County, Ohio
Gen 929.3771 Coc	The 1870 Census of Monroe County, Ohio
Gen 355.0092 Hei	Volumes 1 and 2. Historical Register and Dictionary of the United States Army 1789-1903, Originally published by a private compiler, Francis B. Heitman in 1903. "purchased and published by direction of Congress." Reprinted by GPC in 1994.
Gen 929.3747 Doh	The Settlers of the Beekman Patent - Mills to Page Volume 9 of series on Dutchess County, New York by Frank Doherty of Orlando, Florida.
Gen 929.3768 Car	North Carolina Land Grants in Tennessee, 1778 - 1791. Compiled by Betty Goff Cook Cartwright and Lillian Johnson Gardiner. Published in Memphis, TN (by Compilers) in 1958. Indexed and map of state and counties on end-papers
Gen 975.7 Obe	Through the Years in Old Winnsboro by Katharine Theus Obe. With appendix of children's names and index. The Reprint Company, publishers of Spartanburg, South Carolina, 1980 --A donation from Mrs. David O. Hamrick of the Manatee Chapter NSDAR
Gen 929.3 Dob Parts 1,2,3	Later Scots-Irish Links, 1725-1825 by David Dobson. Printed for Clearfield Company, Inc. by GPC in 2003, 2005 and 2006
Gen 929-3411 Dob	American Data from the Records of the High Court of the Admiralty of Scotland, 1675-1800 by David Dobson. Printed for Clearfield Company, Inc. by GPC in 2006

**NEW GENEALOGY BOOKS AT CENTRAL LIBRARY**  
**(CONTINUED)**

- Gen 929.3411 Dob      The French and Indian War from Scottish Sources by David Dobson. Printed for Clearfield Company, Inc. by GPC in 2003
- Gen 929.37291 Car     Guide to Cuban Genealogical Research: Records and Sources by Peter E. Carr. Printed for Clearfield Company, Inc. by GPC in 2000
- Gen 929.1 Rys        Finding your Hispanic Roots by George R. Ryskamp with glossary of useful Spanish words and phrases. Published by GPC, 1997. Gift of the Manasota Genealogical Society
- Gen 929.371S        Erin's Sons: Irish arrivals in Atlantic Canada, 1961-1853 by Terrence M. Punch, GPC, 2008
- Gen 929.3771        Genealogical Records in Belmont County, Ohio, by the Belmont Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, 1988 Volume 1, Cemeteries; 1990 Volume 2, Newspaper abstractions 1875-1878
- Gen 929.3771 Kop    Monroe County, Ohio, Newspaper Abstracts Compiles by Rita Kopp, Published by the Monroe County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society, 1990
- Gen 929.3771 Mon    Monroe County, Ohio, Cemetery Inscriptions Jackson Township, Published by the Monroe County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society, 1988
- Gen 929.3756 Bib    Bible Records of North Carolina. Published by the North Carolina Genealogical Society, 2005.
- Gen 929.37447 Dol    New York State Censuses and Substitutes by William Dollarhide. GPC, 2005 (Good maps of growth of New York counties)
- Gen 929.1 Sou        South Carolina Genealogical Society: Surname Directory. South Carolina Genealogical Society, June 1999. Gift of Mrs. David O. Hamrick.
- Gen 929.3757 Lin    Lineage Charges: South Carolina Genealogical Society Chapters: Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, Greenwood, Pendleton District and Sumter by the Greenville Chapter, South Carolina Genealogical Society, November 1976
- Gen 929.3759381    Social Register of Greater Miami. The volume of 1953 and the volume for 1969. Gifts of Mrs. David O. Hamrick, Manatee Chapter NSDAR
- Gen 917.3003 Ame    American Places of Long Ago by Gilbert S. Bahn. Excerpted from the 1898 edition of Cram's. Unrivald Atlas of the World using the numbers of the 189 census. Published by GPC, 1998, 2008 reprint
- Gen 929.3756 Bra    The Ministers and Churches of North Carolina. Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church with transcribed minutes 1828-1831. Compiled by Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., Gift of Mrs. David O. Hamrick, Manatee Chapter NSDAR
- GEN 929.1072 Nat    National Genealogical Society, NGS 1990: A Capital Conference! Syllabus. Not a conference sign-up book, but all the "class notes" from the different sessions – covers a bit of everything in 2 volumes!

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The Manatee Central Library, in downtown Bradenton, holds Manatee County's genealogy reference department, and maintains the Eaton Room for Florida History. For access to the complete catalog of the library online go to: <http://library.co.manatee.fl.us/#focus>

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## **Research at the Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court Historical Records Library (by Cindy Russell)**

The MCCCC Historical Records Library offers the family history researcher the ability to search through many of Manatee County's governmental records at a single location. The collection begins when Manatee County was sectioned off from Hillsborough County in 1855. Hillsborough became its own county in 1834 when it was divided from Alachua County and Monroe County. Manatee County was the parent county for Sarasota County (1921) and Desoto County (1887). Their records previous to these dates will be located here at the Archives Library.

Marriage Licenses are a valuable tool to researchers. The marriage licenses from 1856-1912 are collectively indexed and then filed by year and groom's surname. The licenses from 1913 to 1971 are indexed every few years. Marriage licenses from 1972 to 1977 are indexed in a Groom's Index and a Bride's Index. The marriage licenses from 1978 to present are located on our website. \* Librarians are now able to search Marriage licenses from 1856 to 1977 on their desk computers. Marriage applications, if available, are on file here at the Archives Library by year then groom's surname. These cover the years 1928 to 1972.

Birth and Death Records are not housed here at the Archives Library. They are State records. Death certificates may be on file at the Health Department if the death occurred in Manatee County after 200 I. Death certificates may be included in a probate file (some are sealed) or they may be filed with the court in the Official Record Books if they were needed to prove the date of death. Please be aware that only individuals, parents, by a court order or guardians may obtain a Florida birth certificate.

Delayed Birth records are on file at the Archives Library. These records are for people who were born before birth certificates were used by the State. Social Security required people to prove how old they were in order to file and collect their monthly retirement checks. You must be the person on the certificate or furnish a death certificate for that person to view these files.

Probate Files can offer the researcher many clues to their family's history. If a person died with a will (testate) and had an estate in Manatee County there should be a probate file for them. If a person died without a will (intestate) there may still be a probate file made to clear up his estate or to take care of a spouse and minors. The probate files contain a variety of information related to the closing of an estate. Some are very complicated with lots of information. Others are very straightforward with a minimal amount of documents to close the estate. Some of the documents in a probate file may include the will, name of spouse, a listing of children as beneficiaries, property that was owned by the decedent etc. Probate files for 1856 to 1932 are alphabetical by surname in files. There is an index for estates from 1933 to 1972, you will find a probate case number assigned to each file. They are in file cabinets by the assigned number. The files are available through the staff. There are computerized indexes for 1973-1982, 1983-1988 and 1989-1995. Indexes for recorded documents, from 1978 to the present, can be located on our website. The probate files are here in the Archives Library and are available from the staff. Please be aware that not every document in a probate file is a recorded document and may not be on the website. Not everyone who dies has a probate file. The years, 1978 to the present, are shelved by the year and then by case number. The files are available from the staff. Probates 1973 thru 1977 are housed at Records Storage not at the Archives Library. With notice, they can be brought to the Courthouse for viewing.

Voter's Registration Books are available from 1887 to 1959 for most districts in Manatee County. The books contains the names, ages, occupations, and residences of citizens who had paid their poll tax and therefore eligible to vote. They are shelved by district then by year. Please ask for assistance with this material as they are in a fragile condition.

## Research at the Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court Historical Records Library (continued)

Land and Deed records can show where your ancestor owned property here in Manatee County. Florida uses the Rectangular Method or Rectangular System of survey. The oldest land transactions will be described by section, township and range or by US Government Lot, not by subdivision or by parcel lot. The land records are indexed in direct/grantor/seller and reverse/grantee/buyer indexes. The oldest indexes are from 1855 to 1933. These are the hardest to work with; there are no land descriptions in the index listing, only the name, and the deed book and page number. The second set of indexes covers 1933 to 1959. The transactions, from 1855 to 1959, are located in the deed books. The third index, from 1960 to 1977, covers deeds recorded in the Official Record Books. Newer deeds, from 1978 to present, are located on our website. Structures such as houses, barns and garages are rarely mentioned in Manatee County deeds. There may have been a mortgage recorded on the property. There are indexes for these documents. Another type of mortgage would be Chattel Mortgage. What makes these mortgages interesting is the collateral that was used for the loan. You will see horses, chickens, wagons and other assets such as household goods used to secure the loan.

Plat Maps and Aerials give you a different view of your property. Plat maps will show the beginning of the subdivisions in the county. There is an index for the plats. The plats can be seen here at the Archives Library or may be downloaded at our website. The Aerials can be used to see the changes that happened to the land as housing developments sprung up throughout the County. The Library has the aerials for 1940, 1951 and 1957. We also have 1959 and a few from the mid 1970s in book form. We also have zoning and sectional survey maps for the Manatee County. (They are from various years in 1950s into the 2000s and are bound by section, township and range)

Tax Records go hand in hand with land records. Not only were taxes paid on land, there are also entries for livestock and the value of a person's personal property. This is helpful because not everybody owned land but they still had to pay taxes on other property they owned. The earliest tax record the Library has is for 1858 and then almost every year until 1911, also 1932 and 1933 book form. The tax records are in very fragile condition. Please ask for assistance if you would like to see them. We also have the County tax roll on film for 1912 to 1931 and 1934 to 1977. We have the tax assessments for the City of Bradenton for 1940 and the Town of Manatee for 1941. We also house the Delinquent Tax Roll Books for the county for various years.

Tax Cards from the Property Appraisers Office were used in the 1960s to the early 1970s. They offer information on the land and the structures, sometimes the dates of the buildings and what was used to build the structures are on the cards. The tax cards are filed by "Data Parcel Number or by Tax Id Number". This is one of the few references to buildings and structures you will find in the Library.

Soldier and Sailor Discharge Records will help you in your research if someone in your family served in the military and lived in Manatee County, copies of their discharges were sent to the Clerk of the Court. The discharges are indexed and filed by date that the discharge was filed. They cover the years 1919 thru 1960. The information they contain varies. Some are very complete with dates, names and places. Newer discharges, 1960 to 1977, will be filed in the Official Record Books. Old military discharges may be recorded in the Deed Record Books.

Chancery Court Records are where information on divorces, adoptions and other suit actions would have been recorded. The information on these cases may be very little or quite lengthy depending if the case was sealed or not. Chancery records cover 1866 to 1959. The records from 1866 to 1899 are indexed and filed by date. The years 1886 to 1933 are indexed in each volume. There is also an index for the other Chancery volumes. Chancery Court cases, after 1959, are recorded in the Official Record Books, these are also indexed.

Civil Court, County Court and Circuit Court and JP records are available here at the Library. The early records from County Court and Circuit Court are indexed and filed by date and crime that was charged.

Board of County Commission Minutes may contain the name of your ancestor if they had dealings with Manatee County. Some of these volumes are indexed.

## Research at the Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court Historical Records Library (continued)

City Directories are helpful in determining in what area or street your ancestor may have lived in Bradenton, Palmetto or the Town of Manatee. Businesses are included. The Library has 1916, 1918, 1922-24, 1931, 1936, 1939, 1945, 1947, 1951, 1955 and most of the years between 1960 and the early 1990s. Small Manatee County towns and the city of Sarasota are included in the 1916 and 1918 volumes.

Sanborn Maps are fire insurance maps from the early 1900s. They give the location of dwellings and businesses and the type of construction used for the buildings. The Library has maps of Bradenton for the years 1911, 1915, 1922, 1926 and 1929, 1939 and 1957. We also have maps for Palmetto for the years 1917, 1923 and 1930.

The Library also has a collection of newspaper clippings covering many topics having to do with Manatee County, its government and its people.

"Tombstone Inscriptions of Cemeteries in Manatee County" is a publication of the Manasota Genealogical Society. The book is a listing of the local cemeteries and the tombstones located in each cemetery. There is an alphabetical listing of surnames in the back .. This was a walk through survey of the cemeteries in the 1970s. The Manasota Genealogical Society also maintains the obituary file from the Bradenton Herald Newspaper. This file covers the years from 1975 and is current. The entries are indexed by surname. Both of these books can now be found on the Manasota G.S. Web Site [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com)

"The Manatee County Florida Censuses" is another publication of the Manasota Genealogical Society. The volume includes the federal censuses 1860 to 1880. The state census for 1885 and 1895, are also in the volume. The entries are alphabetical within year.

The Florida State Archives makes it possible to search the "Confederate Soldiers Pension Applications" from the state of Florida. The Library has an index to the applicants who applied in Manatee County by surname. This site also has some early photos of Manatee County that can be downloaded. Their site is: [www.dos.state.fl.us/dlis/barm/fsa.html](http://www.dos.state.fl.us/dlis/barm/fsa.html)

To conduct an Official Records search on the Clerk's website go to: [www.manateeclerk.com](http://www.manateeclerk.com) Click on Public Records; Click on Recorded documents; Click on Name Search; To find a plat map on the site; Click on Public Records; Click on Plats.

Information on your property can also be found on the Property Appraiser's website:  
<http://www.manateepao.com>

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## In Memoriam

We are sad to report the deaths of two of our Manasota Genealogical Society members. Both Murray King Wheeler and JoAnne French passed away during the summer. Our deepest sympathy to both families of these wonderful people. They will be missed by all of us!

## JOTS FROM JEAN (continued from Page 4)

From Donna Moughty. **Council of Irish Genealogical Organizations** 30 May 2008. 'National Library has re-opened public access to the microfilms of the parish registers for Cashel & Emly, Cloyne and Kerry.' The National Library of Ireland has finally re-opened public access to the microfilms of the parish registers of the 'closed' dioceses of Cloyne, Kerry & Cashel & Emly. For the past 16 years there has been no public access at all to the microfilms of Cashel & Emly and only limited access to those for Kerry and Cloyne. The issue of access to the microfilms for these dioceses has been a hot issue for many years now and is one at CIGO has raised previously with the Library. The 're-opening' of these records after all these years is terrific news for those who are searching for Catholic ancestors in County Kerry and parts of the counties of Tipperary, Limerick and Cork. Read more at [www.cigo.ie/news.html](http://www.cigo.ie/news.html)

**Get the time anywhere on earth.** Go to [www.worldtimeengine.com](http://www.worldtimeengine.com) and just type in the city, state or country.

*Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska Civil War Veterans: Compilation of the Death Rolls of the Department of Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska, Grand Army of the Republic 1883-1948* is a new work that contains the death records of more than 36,000 members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the largest association of Union Civil War veterans. It is the 3rd in a series of G.A.R. death rolls. The first 2 are entitled *G.A.R. Department of Illinois: Transcription of the Death Rolls 1879-1947* and *Indiana Civil War Veterans: Transcription of the Death Rolls of the Department of Indiana G.A.R.* all are compiled by Dennis Northcott, P.O. Box 11801, St. Louis MO 63105 [www.ngpublications.com](http://www.ngpublications.com) Visit the website to view the indices prior to purchasing the volumes for \$30.00 each + \$4. P&H. His next compilation will concern Pennsylvania G.A.R. veterans.

*Hudson County [Jersey City] New Jersey web site.* Check out their public website, at [www.hudsoncountynjgenealogy.org](http://www.hudsoncountynjgenealogy.org)

From the NEHGS Newsletter, Vol. 10 No. 32 #386, Aug. 6, 2008 called ENews is an interesting article regarding URLs entitled "**Research Recommendations: Genealogical Writing: URLs and email Addresses**" by editor Michael J. Leclerc. To subscribe email them at [enews@nehgs.org](mailto:enews@nehgs.org). URLs (uniform resource locators, or addresses) and email addresses can cause a great deal of consternation in print form. These items should never be underlined in print form. If your word processor automatically inserts a hyperlink as you type, either reset your preferences so that this does not happen or go back and remove the hyperlink. For example, you can right-click on a hyperlink in Microsoft Word and select the option to "remove hyperlink." URLs usually begin with http (hypertext transfer protocol) or ftp (file transfer protocol). *The Chicago Manual of Style* states that you should never capitalize these abbreviations, even if they appear at the beginning of the sentence. Even more importantly, if a URL must be broken at the end of a line, you should NEVER insert a hyphen. Hyphens are characters that can be used in a URL, and if you insert one where there is not one, the user will not be able to find the address. You should never break a URL at a hyphen, as this may cause confusion to the reader. URLs should be broken after a single or double slash (/ or //) or before a tilde (~), period, comma, hyphen, underline, question mark, number sign (#), or percent symbol (%). You may break a URL either before or after an equals sign (=) or an ampersand (&).

[www.DeathIndexes.com](http://www.DeathIndexes.com) for a list of links to death indexes on-line.

Go to [www.US-Census.org](http://www.US-Census.org) for links to census abstracts on-line, or try out [www.Census-Online.com](http://www.Census-Online.com) or [www.CensusFinder.com](http://www.CensusFinder.com)

**Increase or Decrease Web Page Text Size.** From <http://blog.eogn.com> Dick Eastman's Blog Sept. 15, 2008. Are you having difficulty reading this web page? Many people do not realize how simple it is to increase and decrease the display sizes of web pages. Here's how you can easily zoom in (magnify), zoom out, and reset the zoom level back to its default condition in seconds:

- To zoom in, press and hold down the CTRL (Control) key while pressing the + key.
- To zoom out, press and hold down the CTRL (Control) key while pressing the - key.
- After zooming in or out, to reset your web page's zoom settings back to their original/default size, press and hold the CTRL (Control) key while pressing the 0 (zero) key.

If you have a mouse with a scroll wheel situated between the left and right mouse buttons, as an alternative to using the keyboard, you can press and hold down the CTRL (Control) key while turning the scroll wheel forward to zoom in or backward to zoom out.

NOTE: Mac users should use the Apple key (also called the Command key) instead of the Control key. Otherwise, operation on a Mac is identical to that of Windows or Linux.

This method of zooming in and out has been tested with and works well with the following web browsers:

- Mozilla Firefox v3.X and later.
- Microsoft Internet Explorer v7.x and later.
- Google Chrome v0.2149.29
- Apple Safari v3.1.2

Opera v9.5.1

### **On NewEnglandAncestors.org, Volume 5**

[www.newenglandancestors.org/database\\_search/NewNetherlandConnections.asp](http://www.newenglandancestors.org/database_search/NewNetherlandConnections.asp)

This week we are adding the contents of New Netherland Connections Volume 5 from 2000. This represents an additional 3523 names. The remaining issues will be added in the future. Begun in 1996 and continuing, New Netherland Connections is a genealogical quarterly that aims to help people trying to identify and document their New Netherland ancestors and their descendants. It focuses on the Dutch colonial period of 1624-1664 in New York and New Jersey. Each issue has feature articles, replies to queries, items of Dutch colonial interest, and queries of any length and runs to about 28 pages. This database included an index to the 17,451 names referenced in the first three volumes (1996-1000). The images of the original journal pages are available from the search results pages. The remaining volumes will be added to the database in the future. Subscriptions to the printed journal may be ordered from Dorothy A. Koenig, editor, 1232 Carlotta Ave., Berkeley CA 94707. She may also be contacted by email at: [dkoenig@LMI.net](mailto:dkoenig@LMI.net).

**Free Social Security Death Index Now Available from GenealogyBank.** The following announcement comes from GenealogyBank: Providing the Genealogical Community a comprehensive up-to-date resource essential for family history research. GenealogyBank, a leading provider of historical and recent newspapers for research announced Sept. 15, 2008 that the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) will now be offered FREE of charge at their web site GenealogyBank.com. With more than 82 million death records from 1937 to the present, the SSDI is essential for anyone interested in their family's past.

Genealogy sites and blogs are welcome to LINK to GenealogyBank's Social Security Death Index.

[http://blog.eogn.com/eastman\\_online\\_genealogy/2008/09/free-social-sec.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastman_online_genealogy/2008/09/free-social-sec.html)

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## THE MYSTERIES OF TIME LINES

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What does the title mean? I've wondered myself. So I began to take it apart, taking a course of segregating by topics, then finding the records to fill in those topics. Thus the program evolved.

Time means duration, season, period, era, age, date, span, spell, or a period between events when used in combination with a 'line,' envisions a line drawn across a paper. What does that mean? Count Korzybski says "Man is a time binder." Because of written and oral communication, one generation binds to the next by means of communication. Time Binders - is what make man - man. Our ability to communicate from one generation to another.

Now that you are thoroughly confused, let us take the time to learn what a time line is, how it works for us genealogically, how to create one, and how to locate the materials to put onto one. We can begin by looking at types or topics of Time Lines:

Ancestral Time Lines

Personal Time Lines - for each individual on your Pedigree Charts

Personal Chronology - what you actually know about that ancestor

Research selection table:

- (1) What you need.
- (2) Where to look.
- (3) Then search

Census records by year creating a time line.

Exploration & Discovery time lines for settlement of the New World.

- (1) Settlement of the US and time lines it created 1520 to 1820, 1820-1920.
- (2) Travel routes used for settlement (create a time line)

Wars time lines - begin with a list of all wars (US) in which ancestors were involved.

Colonization & Statehood - Investigate these subjects and our ancestors in time lines.

Science & Technology 1790-1900

When all else fails we can always say, "My grandfather was born in the year that the first sewing machine was built (1846)."

We are all links in a chain. We are neither the beginning nor the end. We are history or we are creating history. As we look at our own lives and see it in perspective, that is looking back, and we quickly realize each of our ancestors, in their own way, created their own history. A record of their own lives. This puts framework around each generation, and isolates the events which occurred to each with that individual frame.

To understand each generation individually, we should approach each one individually, and then as a family unit. Each individual on our charts was influenced by the world around them. They responded to the time in which they lived. Hopefully, this program will help guide you through exploration and discovery, immigration, settlement, wars, science and technology, major American events, and other happenings which colored your ancestors lives, and hopefully left records.

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## Ellis Island Marriages



Marriages took place at the Ellis Island Reception Center. This fact recently caught one of our patrons and me by surprise when we located one of his ancestors arriving in 1907. Theoretically, these ceremonies were reported to the New York City, Borough of Manhattan Health Department. Ellis Island was legally part of Manhattan at that time.

In many cases, these marriages were tools of convenience and were dissolved shortly afterwards. This arrangement was important to the parties involved due to legal consequences in existence at the time. Unaccompanied women, regardless of whether they were married or not, were prohibited from leaving the Ellis Island Reception Center without an adult male. My uncle served in the New York City Police Department for almost 30 years. He made a comment in passing many years ago, before I had any experience in genealogy, that one fear the New York authorities had about single women coming in at Ellis Island was prostitution. If they had no family or friends waiting for them, criminal elements were always looking for unsuspecting immigrants to recruit. His comment never made an impact on me until this search.

However, it was quite possible that singles would have met on board ship. Some of these marriages were sincere in nature and lasted. This is another of example of why I always caution patrons about judging the actions of their ancestors by today's standards. The legal environment is totally different. Unaccompanied women and minor children can be found on the "List of Detained Aliens" that accompanies the passenger list. It may be at the front or back of the list. This procedure was apparently in place until 1937.

Further investigation by the patron showed that clergy from various prominent denominations were assigned to Ellis Island. These marriages could be civil or religious, depending on the circumstances. If the couple chose a religious ceremony, the church record of the ceremony would be in the possession of the diocese (Roman Catholic) or congregation (Protestant) of the presiding minister.

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### \*\*\* WISH LIST \*\*\*



- **I want ancestors with names like Rudimentary Montagnard or Melchizenick von Steubenhoffmannschild or Spetzatz Giafortoni, not William Brown or John Hunter or Mary Abbott.**
- **I want ancestors who could read and write, had their children baptized in recognized houses of worship, went to school, purchased land, left detailed wills (naming a huge extended family as legatees), had their photographs taken once a year - subsequently putting said pictures in elaborate isinglass frames annotated with calligraphic inscriptions, and carved valuable and informative inscriptions in their headstones.**
- **I want relatives who managed to bury their ancestors in established, still-extant (and indexed) cemeteries.**
- **I want family members who wrote memoirs, who enlisted in the military as officers and who served in strategically important (and well-documented) skirmishes.**
- **I want relatives who served as councilmen, schoolteachers, county clerks and town historians.**
- **I want relatives who "religiously" wrote in the family Bible, journalizing every little event and detailing the familial relationship of every visitor.**
- **In the case of immigrant ancestors, I want them to have arrived only in those years wherein passenger lists were indexed by the National Archives, and I want them to have applied for citizenship, and to have done so only in those jurisdictions which have since established indices.**
- **I want relatives who were patriotic and clubby, who joined every patrimonial society they could find, who kept diaries, and listed all their addresses, who had paintings made of their houses, and who dated every piece of paper they touched.**
- **I want ancestors who were wealthy enough to afford, and to keep for generations, the family homestead, and who left all the aforementioned pictures and diaries and journals intact in the library**
- **But most of all: I want relatives I can FIND!!!!**

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