

The Pasco County Line

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**M E M B E R S G O N E B U T
N O T F O R G O T T E N**

In September, PCGS lost two loyal members, Dr. Frank Johnson and Howard Stimson. We have paid respects to each of the families left behind.

Dr. Johnson, 79 years old, was a retired military man who held many other titles in the community and had a love for history. He shared several historical events with us. One we will never forget. In 1999, he spoke to our group about the Battle of Trafalgar and General Lord Nelson. He was so descriptive you could almost smell the cannon smoke and hear the balls hitting the ships. But what we will never forget is how the sailors preserved Lord Nelson after dying at sea. He had our full attention. We will miss Frank greatly. He will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C., November 30, 2007 with full military honors.

Mr. Howard Stimson, 94 years old, was a retired farmer from Missouri who held no titles, but was a wonderful father and the husband of our member Anna Stimson. He died September 26, 2007 after a fall on his farm during a summer visit. When Howard was at the meetings he was generally in the back of the room, but always smiling, supporting his wife in her search of their genealogy. Howard will be buried on his farm at his request. This unassuming man will be missed.

These two men, so very different in life, had one thing in common. They were long time supporters of PCGS. This is what makes our society so unique. Our members are so diverse but in the end they are so valuable by their membership support they have given us over the years. Rest in peace, men. ✕ **By Virginia Britten**

T O M M A K E S B L O G G I N G E A S Y

If you have hesitated to use the blog because you don't know how, Tom Santa Cruz has solved your problem. Tom has posted the instructions *Tutorial: Getting Started Blogging*. Just click the link *Tutorial* to open the instructions. Tom tells you how to log in to the blog, add a post, and edit a

post. So now all you have to do is visit <http://pascogenealogy.blogspot.com/> and start posting your thoughts, opinions, and discoveries today. Check with the library, because classes are being offered too. ✕

UPCOMING MEETINGS



December 8:
Christmas Party.

Please bring a gift for a resident of Heartland Nursing Home. Gifts should not be over \$5. Suggested gifts are shower gel, lotions, toothpaste, mouthwash, socks, or liquid soap (**please, no bar soap**). If possible, please wrap gifts.

Also, remember that elections and bylaws voting occur at the December meeting. If you want to have a voice, please plan to attend this meeting.

January 12: Our speaker will be professional genealogist Donna Moughty.

February 9: Our speaker will be the ever popular Drew Smith.

WORKSHOP

If you missed the *Using Microsoft Word to Produce a Book* workshop last year, you have a second chance to attend. On February 2, 2008, Pam Treme and Pattie Schultz will be presenting this workshop again. Watch the society blog and website for details on this upcoming workshop.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear PCGS members,

Without getting all mushy about this being my last "President's Letter," I want to give some special thanks to people who have made my two years as your president a much easier job.

First I want to say thank you to all the Executive Committee who have worked great with each other, and come up with and implemented great ideas. Thank you to all the committee chairpersons who do their jobs so wonderfully. You all are great! Three people that have left our society but were no less important to its operation and our success are Jan Beattie, and Pat and Jim Parrish, thank you all. A big thank you to Mike Shires and

Virginia Britten who have stood with me for four years now, two as your vice president and two as president. They have both been right there when I needed them. Both do the jobs of three people and both have always been ready to let me bounce ideas around with them. They have both been there ready to pull me out of the mud when I didn't know how to do something and I can always look at Mike during a meeting to see if I am on track. Thank you both so very much.

Our society has so many great people who are willing to pitch in and help with anything that needs to be done, whether the job is large or small. Members call people that don't have computers to remind them

about the meeting, set up the room for the meetings, work in the library, catalog our books, send out cards to members that needs them, do the audit every year, get our membership directory out, work on revisions to the by-laws, serve us goodies every month, and get our newsletter out four times a year. Members write articles for the newsletter and submissions to the newspapers to remind people of our meetings, and work on the website and blog, teach classes, and do whatever else needs to be done.

It has been a pleasure being your president; we have been a great team! Thank You!

Cathy Vance

RENAMING THE NEWSLETTER

OK...We gave you a chance to sound off on the topic of the newsletter name. Only one person sent in an email suggesting a few new names for the newsletter. The Executive Board discussed the matter and they decided that they liked the current newsletter name. Therefore, it is to remain *The Pasco County Line*.

NEW YORK TIMES NEWS

Virginia Britten was poking around on *Research Buzz* and found the following announcement:

A news release from the New York Times dated September 18, 2007 promises free access to their former fee-based Times-Select archives. The content of their archives cover 1851-1922 and content from 1922 to the present. They will have the 1923-1986 archives available for purchase in single or ten-article packs. For more information visit the following website:

<http://www.nytimes.com/ref/membercenter/nytarchive.html>

Imagine a large archival resource to researchers...FREE. We can all hope that other newspapers will follow suit!

CAN YOU BE TOO CONNECTED?

Networking, connecting, hooking-up, emailing, blogging, researching, texting, Googling...Can you be too connected?

Can you overload yourself with too much information about your family tree? A year ago I would have said, "Never!" Maybe even nine months ago I would have welcomed any and all information about the family trees I was researching.

But then *it* happened. Late one night, with a stack full of brick walls and dead ends sitting in front of me, I started leaving messages. I left a few on Rootsweb Message Boards, one or two on some County Websites, and then, in desperation I joined some new mailing lists and sent a few emails.

Blurry eyed I went to bed frustrated but satisfied. I had finally left messages or written those emails I had thought about, but had never actually sent. If I did not track down William, Nellie, Jane, Myrtle, or Charles, it would not be because I had not tried. What happened over the next month was unbelievable. I had responses to all my inquiries, many of which were matches.

I have gone back and looked at the postings. I wanted to see if they were better written or had

better titles to understand why suddenly everything came together. I have found that some were quite badly written. In my defense, it was late at night! But, what I have learned is to take the time to write the email or post the message.

Now, months later, I am still reading, researching, verifying, and transcribing all the information I received. And I am still getting emails from *different* people that have come across the original postings. True, I did not find *my* William Schultz, but I did come in contact with many other Williams, and someday, maybe, one of them may connect to mine.

So, can you be too connected? Maybe not too connected, but instead just a little overwhelmed and grateful for all the responses I received from those messages I left one very late night. ✂

By Pattie Schultz



Editor's Note:

*This article was recently selected as one of the top ten recent submissions to the online Rootsweb newsletter for the Connecting Through Rootsweb section of the newsletter. As an award, Pattie received a copy of the book *The Official Guide to Rootsweb*.*

IRISH IN SPAIN AND LATIN AMERICA

Not all of the Irish who left Ireland went to the Britain, the U.S., Canada, or Australia. Many of the Irish left Ireland for Spain or Spain's colonies.

The Irish didn't seriously leave Ireland for new lives until 1607, when over 100 lords and chieftains fled for Rome. In 1649, Oliver Cromwell instituted many of the oppressive religious and economic measures we recognize in the British-Irish disputes that existed up to the first part of the last century. After James II, Irish Jacobite mercenaries (Wild Geese) joined the French army. The trickle became a flood with the expanding British colonies in North America and Australia. Then the famines of the nineteenth century further encouraged the exodus of the Irish.

I come across numerous Irish names while I am doing my Spanish genealogy. Besides the O's and Mac's, I see surnames like Duaney, Mallen, Cowley, Crosby, Hassett, and more. These surnames have genealogies that go back multiple generations in Ireland. Irish counties and towns are sometimes identified. Genealogies were an important Spanish tool for warding off the Spanish Inquisition and they are plentiful. Genealogies for those receiving a title, joining a military order, or being otherwise economically successful are easy to find. Harder to find genealogies are those generated for marriages and ordinations.

If you are looking for Irish ancestors, here are some places to start. Check the online index to the multivolume series *Historia de cubana Familia*, [www.cubagenweb.org/jaruco.htm]; by the way this set is in our FHC/Library. Also check the online index to *Enciclopedia Heráldica Hispano-Americana*, [www.loc.gov/rr/hispanic/geneal/index_gc.html]. This 88-volume collection is in Miami. You can search the online Spanish Archives for surnames. A discussion and directions in English are at [hispanicgenealogy.blogspot.com/2007/10/pares-portal-de-archivos-espaoles.html]. Some books that I found useful and accessible using Interlibrary Loan are:

- *Dignidades Nobiliarias en Cuba* by Rafael Nieto y Cortadellas
- *Los Americanos en las Órdenes Nobiliarias* by Guillermo Lohmann Villena

Most of the sources are in Spanish so the *Spanish Record Extraction Guide* at [immigrants.byu.edu/Downloads/Spanish_Extraction_Guide/Default.htm] will show you how to extract information. The *Society for Irish Latin America Studies* (SILAS) [www.irlandeses.org] has many wonderful articles too.

Let me close with a question. Did you know that the Spanish Governor of Louisiana, Alejandro O'Reilly, is buried in the floor of St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans? Ж

By Thomas D. Santa Cruz

Not MY Irish, but maybe the missing brother, uncle, cousin of YOUR Irish

This Summer I helped a lady in Australia to connect two eighteenth century brothers from Montserrat. She had successfully tracked one and I helped her with the other who settled in Cuba and got a Spanish title. The genealogy connected to the titled brother went back six generations in Ireland.

PCGS / LDS LIBRARY RECEIVES DONATIONS

Our Library received several donations over the summer. We were very fortunate to receive a large collection of books from the library of Margaret Lynch Haynie, which was donated by her daughter Carroll Johnette Haynie Chandler.

Some of the books are rare and valuable. Over 24 hardbound books were received from one collection, and at the present time, they are together on the long table in the book room. Eventually, they will be shelved according to category, but we wanted them to stay intact so you would have a chance to see them.

They include the following books:

- *A Bibliography of Ship Passenger Lists, 1538-1825* 3rd Edition, compiled by Harold Lancour
- *History of Roberta and Crawford Counties, Georgia* by Emma Carnes Bankston
- *Visitation of Ireland* edited by Joseph Jackson Howard and Frederick Arthur Crisp
- *History of Sumter County, Georgia* by Jack F. Cox, First Edition

Other donators whose donation we value were Pat Davis, Kelly

Jewett, Anna Stimson, Ellouise Wynn, Virginia Britten, Virginia Abbey, and Cathy Vance.

A note of appreciation goes out to Volunteers Juanita Reek, George Varney, Tom Santa Cruz, Ellouise Wynn, Connie Delaney, Cathy Vance, "Mike" Shires, Helen Brown, Susan Canney, and Sandra Haxton for staffing the library during the summer. Also, I want express appreciation to LDS church members Robin McAndrew and Ann Baker for their loyal support in staffing the library.

An appeal is being made to our members to learn how to be a library volunteer. Volunteering is encouraged during the winter when most of our members are here to relieve these loyal volunteers named above. If every member would volunteer just one day every other month, regular volunteers would not suffer from burnout.

To achieve this, we are encouraging each member to buddy with an experienced

volunteer when they are working so that they can be trained by an experienced Liberian. Then we would all just have to *work* one day a month. Long time volunteers would be so grateful.

We have a beautiful resource in our library that most genealogy societies do not have, The library takes people-power to run it, so let's all band together and step up to the plate. Call me for your training day!

The Family History Center in Utah has given us six new websites to use in the library and they are very valuable paid sites that we can furnish to you for free. Just stop in today to see what is new.

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By Virginia Britten



BYLAWS REVIEW WITH RECOMMENDED CHANGES

The Bylaw Committee has completed their review of the society Bylaws for PCGS. The committee suggest the following amendments.

Article I -Add the last sentence to read: *The Articles of Incorporation are on file, as required, with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations.*

Article IV, Section 7 - Annual dues, the amount to be determined by vote of the membership, shall be due and payable on or before the first meeting of each year, and shall be considered delinquent if not paid by the last day of ~~February~~ *January*.

Article VIII, Section 1 - A regular membership meeting of the Society shall be held every month, *except June, July, and August* on the date, time and place determined by a membership vote.

Article IX, Section 2 At the regular November meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present a candidate for each office. Nominations from the floor will be accepted. All members shall be eligible for office *if they meet the requirements as set forth in Article 5 Section 4 of these Bylaws*. Candidates must agree to serve in the nominated capacity.

Article X, Section 6 - The Treasurer shall make deposits in such financial institutions as directed by the Executive Committee. The treasurer shall collect dues, maintain a current membership roster, and remove delinquent members from the roster after the last day of ~~February~~ *January* of the current year.

Articl XV, Section 4 - The Membership Directory will be published annually for the March meeting. This will include the members for the current year, ~~the Bylaws~~, Surname Registry, Calendar of the Society events and other society information.

The first amendment is a clarification of the corporate status and reflects the State of Florida recognizes the society as a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

The second and fifth amendments reflect an improvement to assist with society administration for payment of dues.

The third and fourth amendments are for clarification.

The sixth amendment is to provide for open access to the Bylaws and to reduce publishing costs of the directory.

The format of presenting the proposed amendments is as follows: new information is in an Italics font, information proposed to delete has a strike through mark.

All members are welcome to ask questions and comment on these amendments and provide any additional suggestions.

In addition to appearing in this newsletter, copies will be available at the October and November membership meetings. The Bylaws will be added to the society website as a PDF file in

Society Information. Bylaw changes will be voted on at the December meeting.

Thank You to the
PCGS Bylaws
Committee
Members:
Kelly Jewett
Ray Morris
George Varney

ABSENTEE BALLOT

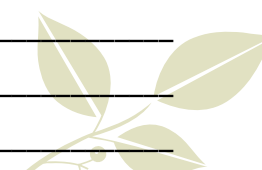
In accordance with Article IX Section 5 of the Pasco County Genealogical Society By-Laws, absentee ballots must be received by the Society Secretary before the start of the December meeting.

Those members not expecting to attend the regular December meeting may complete an absentee ballot by checking the nominated candidate of their choice or by using the vote for a write-in candidate.

To vote for one of the names on this slate, place an "X" on the line next to the name and office. To use the write-in option, use the section at the bottom of the list and be sure to write in both the name and office of the candidate you wish elected.

- President: **Marion Shires**
- Vice President: **Ann Morris**
- Treasurer: **Virginia Britten**
- Secretary: **Joan Knowles**
- Director: **Helen Brown**
- Director: **Raymond Morris**

Use the following section to write in candidates of your choice.



Place this ballot inside an unmarked envelope then into another envelope addressed to:
Pasco County Genealogical Society
PO Box 2072
Dade City, FL 33525

Mail your ballot early to be sure that it is received before **December 9.**

Caution: Be sure to remove your name and address label from the reverse side if you mail this page from a printed newsletter.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Want to have an article published in the newsletter? We'll be happy to accommodate you. Please submit items by the following deadlines:

- Jan 10, 2008 for Feb 2008
- Apr 10, 2008 for May 2008
- July 10, 2008 for Aug 2008
- Oct 10, 2008 for Nov 2008

Please feel free to send your submissions any time between now and the deadline. Early is great; by the deadline works too.

Email your submissions to Pam at:
ptreme@hotmail.com

NEW MEMBERS CORNER

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

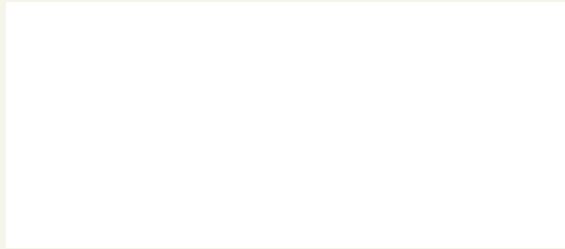
- Peggy Fortner
- Robert Rosengrant

WE'RE ON THE WEB:
WWW.ROOTSWEB.COM/~FLPCGS/

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Researching Our Ancestors is Family Fun...

S O C I E T Y I N F O R M A T I O N

Meetings

The Pasco County Genealogical Society meets the second Saturday of each month for membership meetings from September through May. The summer recess runs through June, July, and August when there are no meetings. The public is always invited and welcomed to all membership meetings. Meetings are held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 9016 Fort King Road (State Road 41). The church is located at the intersection of Bailey Hill Road, which is midway between Clinton Avenue, Dade City, and Daughtry Road, Zephyrhills. Visit our website for a map: www.rootsweb.com/~FLPCGS/

Membership

Membership is open to all persons interested in genealogical research. Annual Dues cover the period January 1st through December 31st of the year and are paid in December for the year.
—Individual—\$15.00
—Family Membership—\$22.50
—Student—\$5.00
Visit our website for an application: www.rootsweb.com/~FLPCGS/

Benefits

Membership has its rewards! They include access to our library, quarterly newsletters, and the availability of our members, many of whom are longtime, respected genealogist.

Mission Statement

To encourage research, publication, preservation and availability of genealogical material. To instruct and lend assistance to the membership and general public in the modern methods of research. These objectives shall be accomplished by regular and special meetings by means of lectures, workshops, field trips, and other educational activities. To encourage our members to strive for a personal level of achievement in genealogical research, to preserve that research with a documented lineage society and to place a record of research in the membership files. ✕