

The Pasco County Line

P A S C O C O U N T Y G E N E A L O G I C A L S O C I E T Y

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Get that recipe for the dump cake you ate and ate and ate at the January meeting.
- Find out what you can do with a library card.
- Get a database update from the Allen County Public Library.

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LOTS OF COPIES KEEPS STUFF SAFE

Disaster recovery advice from an Allen County Public Library newsletter article by Curt Witcher. Reprinted here with the library's permission.

Reflecting on a waning year and musing about the one just dawning, I can't help but spend a few moments thinking about how natural disasters touched so many lives this year. From the flooding that accompanied torrential downpours in the central part of the country to the horrible fires in California,

these events disrupted lives, caused huge losses of property, and robbed so many of their precious heirlooms, photograph albums, scrapbooks, and other family documents. A good New Year's resolution would be for each of us to consistently deploy the LOCKSS method of data security--Lots Of Copies Keeps Stuff Safe. Make a few DVDs of your genealogical data and share them with family members. Even if those family members say they're not interested in

genealogy, ask them simply to hold a copy for you for safekeeping. And if you'd like to share your research with others but don't really have an interest in officially publishing your work, send the Genealogy Center a copy. We'll ensure that it's safe and available for others to use. Remember that you can also post amazing amounts of genealogical data, including uploading GEDCOM files, at WeRelate.org.

Submitted by Virginia Britten

COOK BOOK SUBMISSIONS

Have you submitted a recipe for the PCGS cook book? If not, it's still not too late. Here's what you should do before March: Gather the recipes you want to submit.

Write a paragraph or two about the family traditions or memories associated with each recipe. If you have a photograph, scan the photo. If you can't scan, contact a

PCGS officer to arrange scanning. Email your packet to Virginia Britten at Jverly@aol.com. You can also give Virginia your entry at any meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March: What if you posted a query and no one read it? Or, worse, they read it and did not understand what you were looking for. If this has happened to you, then you should consider joining our presenters Pattie Schultz and Pam Tremé as the walk you through writing and posting effective queries.

April: Do you have brick walls? Virginia Britten, our presenter, will arm you with the tools you

need to bust through them. Virginia will start by walking you through a syllabus from a National Conference; then she will show you how to use the syllabus and other periodicals for ideas and leads. Afterward, she will moderate a round table discussion. Bring your brick walls! Virginia (or a fellow member) may be able to offer suggestions.

May: Officers working on it... dilligently!

A NEW BLOG ON THE BLOCK

Our speaker in January—Donna Moughty—announced that she has launched a blog. So if you want a bit of insight into the life of a professional genealogist, be sure to visit Donna's blog at:

<http://www.moughty.com/Blog/Blog.html>

Consider emailing Donna so that she knows someone is out there reading.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Good Day to All:

I enjoyed meeting members and seeing new faces at our first meeting for 2008. The meeting was an ice breaker for me and I look forward to what the New Year will bring. I'm sure there were a few groans when I announced I was looking for participation from everyone, especially articles for the Newsletter.

I learned a long time ago that in every group there are three types of people: *doers*, *thinkers*, and *followers*. If you want something done, you have to have one of each type of person on a team. The *doer* always has ideas, paths to travel, and challenges to conquer. The *thinker* keeps the *doer* in line so that the team

isn't going in all directions. The *follower* is going to be happy not having to make decisions and will work just as hard as any of the others to succeed. Having said all that, I will try to keep the concept in mind and abide by it when new projects are suggested or assistance is needed.

I would appreciate suggestions, new ideas, and knowing what other societies are doing with their programs. We might like to include some of what other societies are doing in our meetings or programs.

I would also appreciate any constructive criticism you care to offer. Present it to the Board as a whole, or privately to me and I will see appropriate action is taken. If no action is to

be taken, you will receive an explanation.

One of my initial goals was to attain 10 new members. I have already been reminded that we're nearly there. As of this writing, we have eight! So I'm resetting my goal to 15.

The society appears in good standing. We have money in the bank, books in the library, volunteers, educational assistants, and good programs in the making. With all that and the cordial atmosphere at LDS, we should all be proud of our achievements!

I hope you are as optimistic and excited about the coming year as I am.

Sincerely,

Mike Shires, President

DUMP CAKE RECIPE

Over the holidays everyone talks about what they are going to make for one holiday get together or another. My friend Lynn mentioned making a *dump cake* for her bowling group. I assumed I had heard wrong and listened to the rest of the story. A couple of days later Lynn mentioned that her daughter had brought a pumpkin *dump cake* to bunco, and this time I had to ask, "What is a dump cake?"

Lynn laughed and said it was an old recipe from the 1960's and listed the ingredients. It sounded too simple, but I was intrigued. I went home and googled the phrase *dump cake* and was amazed to find all the varieties. I never found a definitive history or source, but I found that everyone had a variation. I made one over the holidays and everyone loved it.

For the January meeting of the Pasco County Genealogical Society Pam Treme and I provided the refreshments, and I brought a cherry dump cake. So many members asked how I made it and asked for the recipe that I told them I would submit it to the newsletter. Later I thought it would be good for the cookbook the society is putting together.

This recipe uses two fruits, but that doesn't seem to be a requirement. Also, some folks suggested using a chocolate cake mix with cherry pie filling. Another suggestion is to serve it hot out of the oven with ice cream. They all sound good to me, so I will have to work my way through them all. ENJOY! Ж

By Pattie Schultz

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 can crushed pineapple (approximately 20 ounces)
- 1 can sliced peaches (approximately 16 ounces in heavy syrup)
- 1 package yellow cake mix
- 2 sticks butter
- 8 ounces crushed nuts (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Spray (coat) the bottom of a 13"x9" pan with non-stick substance; for example, PAM.
3. Add the canned fruit.
4. Sprinkle the entire box of dry cake mix on top of the fruit.
5. Arrange tabs of butter on top of the dry cake mix.
6. Sprinkle nuts over the butter.
7. Bake 45 to 60 minutes.



This cake can be made with many types of fruit. The pineapple and peaches can be replaced with 2 cans of any type of pie filling (i.e., cherry).

WAS FLORIDA IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR?

Yes, it was! After the French and Indian War, Spanish La Florida became two British colonies: East and West Florida. East Florida is what we know as Florida now, west to the Apalachicola River. West Florida ran from the river, along the Gulf coast west across Lake Pontchartrain to the Mississippi River and north to above Natchez. Louisiana (west of the Mississippi) was a Spanish colony. The Florida colonies became a safe haven for Tory Loyalists during and after the Revolutionary War. East Florida reinforced the border along the St. Marys River. Cross-border sorties and skirmishes resulted in slaves, cattle, and foodstuffs being

stolen by militias on both sides. Planned invasions of East Florida didn't happen. James Willing lead a Rebel force on an armed flatboat from Fort Pitt down the Ohio River to the Mississippi River to West Florida. His force successfully attacked towns and forts in West Florida. They captured several British vessels that were sold in New Orleans. Willing's force was unsuccessful in fulminating rebellion in West Florida. Then Spain declared war on Britain capturing the small Mississippi settlements, Mobile, and finally, Pensacola (all of West Florida.)

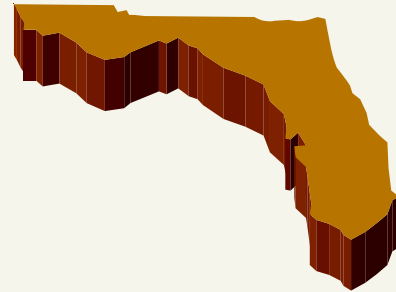
The Floridas did siphon off military forces from the war effort to the north, but pro-

vided the British southern bases for support of the continent.

There are many fascinating details about the War and Florida in the book. *Florida in the American Revolution* by J. Leitch Wright is a great resource on the topic, an easy read, and available through our local library. Tory genealogy in Florida begins after the War. ✕

By Thomas D. Santa Cruz

Next time:
Who are the Menorcans?



LOUISIANA CONNECTION



As the editor of the newsletter, I get to read (and edit) all of the submission to the newsletter. This time I read Tom's article with great interest and amusement because of its Louisiana connection. I'm originally from New Orleans.

The area of Louisiana that Tom refers to in his article is composed of three parishes (counties) in Southeastern Louisiana. These parishes are to this day universally referred to as the Florida parishes. However, you would be

amazed at the number of Louisiana natives that have no idea why the parishes are grouped together as the Florida parishes. Too bad none of them ever ran into Tom so that he could explain it to them. ✕

By Pamela Tremé

I LOVE MY LIBRARY CARD!

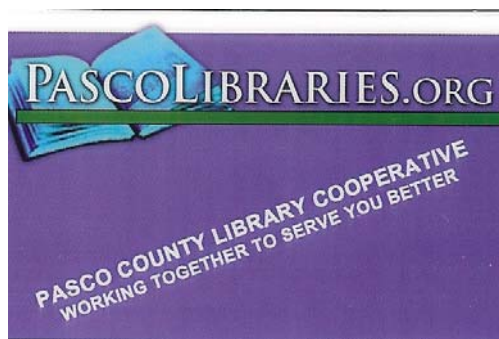
I have lived in Pasco County for 29 years and I never had a library card. My excuse was that when you live in Quail Hollow, it's five miles to get to Route 54 and the nearest library was another seven miles away! I just didn't have the time to go there.

My son used the library while he was going to school, but it was such a distance, I ended up buying a set of encyclopedias. I was thrilled when Encarta and World Book were published on CD. By the time my son was in college, he was doing all his research on the Internet.

But then, after the December PCGS meeting, Pam and I stopped at the New River Library and I got my first Pasco County library card. My eyes were quickly opened to what I had been missing.

Pam and I were both surprised that with a Pasco County library card I could get a Hillsborough County library card. The next week I went to the Hillsborough County Library downtown, which is near where I work, to get my second library card. I had to fill out one form, they *tagged* my Pasco County library card, and I was done. Hillsborough County does not issue a new card; they simply use your Pasco County library card number.

Since my primary motivation was to find out what newspapers I would have access to, I immediately logged on to investigate. I was *more* than pleased and have spent considerable time online researching.



A Library Card Your Passport to Information

I'm sure there are more resources available. So go on an expedition to your local library and tell us what you find! ✂

By Pattie Schultz

PASCO COUNTY LIBRARY

Available online databases:

- Newsbank
- America's Obituaries and Death Notices
- Access World News
- Florida Newspapers

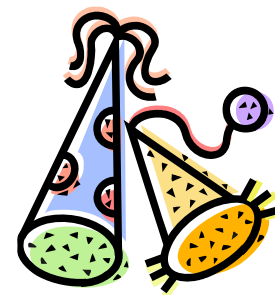
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LIBRARY

Available online database:

- America's Genealogy Bank
 - Historical Newspapers
 - Historical Books
 - Historical Documents
- ProQuest
 - Historical Chicago Tribune
 - Historical New York Times
 - Historical Atlantic Constitution

NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

It is New Year's Eve, 1852, and John Smith sits at his desk by candlelight. He dips his quill pen in ink and begins to write his New Year's resolutions...



1. No man is truly well-educated unless he learns to spell his name at least three different ways within the same document. I resolve to give the appearance of being extremely well-educated in the coming year.
2. I resolve to see to it that all of my children have the same names that my ancestors have used for six generations in a row.
3. My age is no one's business but my own. I hereby resolve to never list

the same age or birth year twice on any document.

4. I resolve to have each of my children baptized in a different church—either in a different faith or in a different parish. Every third child will not be baptized at all, or will be baptized by an itinerant minister who keeps no records.
5. I resolve to move to a new town, county, or state at least once every 10 years—just before those pesky enumerators come around asking silly questions.
6. I will make every attempt to reside in counties and towns where no vital records are maintained or where the courthouse burns down every few years.
7. I resolve to join an obscure religious cult that does not believe in record keeping or in participating in military service.
8. When the tax collector comes to my door, I'll loan him my pen, which has been dipped in rapidly fading blue ink.
9. I resolve that if my beloved wife Mary should die, I will marry another Mary.
10. I resolve not to make a will. Who needs to spend money on a lawyer?
11. I resolve to not clutter up the good farm pasture with headstones that will just get broken or fade with time anyway.
12. I resolve to protect my family's and friend's privacy by giving false names and places for events.
13. I resolve to never give the correct accounts of misdeeds in the family. So when uncle Lem shoots that guy and is tried for murder, my kids will be told he stole a cow.
14. I resolve to never trim the family cemetery of brush and tangle weed to keep out any

one doing that silly genealogical work.

15. I resolve to always alternate my kid's and wife's first and middle names when the census taker comes around, just to give him practice with his spelling.
16. I resolve to come from Ireland (where there are no records, or if there are, they can only be examined by visiting the exact village, pleading with the local clergy (who is hostile to anyone not of his belief, which of course you are) and/or handing over a fee equal to or exceeding your yearly income for one hour's research, which may not find anything.)
17. I resolve that not only shall I NOT die in my country of birth, but that nor shall my children (yea verily) unto the sixth generation.
18. I resolve that I shall call my children by odd names, which the enumerator shall spell incorrectly.
19. I resolve that I shall be absent on the night of the census.
20. I resolve that if unable to be absent on census night, I shall endeavor to be enumerated twice.
21. I resolve that when I die my children/wife are instructed to give the wrong details for my death certificate.
22. I resolve that I and most of my family shall die suddenly just before death certifications start to be used, in a parish where easy access to the records ceased the previous year. ✖

John Smith's resolution list has been making the rounds of the Internet via email and blog. The author appears to be unknown. It was submitted to this newsletter by member **Bob Chandler**.

NEWS FROM THE ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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PERSI

The Periodical Source Index (PERSI) has been available as the subject index to the world of genealogical periodical literature since 1987. 2007 saw the uploading of the two millionth subject entry. If you haven't used PERSI in a while, you really need to take another look. What you're not finding in books or online may be waiting for you in the newsletter or quarterly of a genealogical society.

FOOTNOTE.COM

This database is currently offering more than twenty-two million historical images and growing at a rate of two million images per month. Their unique and comfortable interface and complete indexing of such record groups as the Revolutionary War pension files makes the site a worthwhile stop for any genealogist.

WERELATE.ORG

The WeRelate.org website really took off this year. It is now the largest Genealogy Wiki on the Internet with pages for more than one million people and families. The database of genealogy sites on the web is one of the best around for family historians. A new place index,



complete with maps and historical information in many cases, will be a terrific resource to look forward to using in 2008. You can also look forward to the unveiling of a new digital library component on this site in the New Year.

WORLDVITALRECORDS.COM

Using this site researchers have access to more than 864,541,789 names in nearly five thousand databases.

GENEALOGYCENTER.INFO

The new Military Heritage component of the GenealogyCenter.Info webpage is becoming a comfortable place for individuals to have military data posted and to discover the military's contributions to our country from its earliest days to present. Please consider letting us post digital images of some of your family's military documents, medals, and honors. X

Submitted by Virginia Britten



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:

- Apr 10, 2008 for May 2008
- July 10, 2008 for Aug 2008
- Oct 10, 2008 for Nov 2008
- Jan 10, 2009 for Feb 2009

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:

- Kay Blunda
- Bonnie Duvall
- Shelby Griffin
- Debra Hamilton
- Jean Livingston
- Jarl and Constance Nyholm
- Rosemary Robinson

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Researching Our Ancestors is Family Fun...

SOCIETY INFORMATION

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. ✕