



ROOTS & BRANCHES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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The Roots and Branches Genealogical Society meets at the DeLand Library at 2:00 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month. We do not meet in July or August. All submittals to the newsletter are welcome - through e-mail, at meetings or can be left in the editor's folder in the Genealogy room in the Library.

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IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE: Mark your calendar now for the *NEW* dates for the General Meetings of the Society at the Library on *Sunday* at 2PM as follows: September 18, October 16, November 20 and December 18.

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The following topics will be discussed at our general Roots & Branches meetings this year:

- June 19 - How do I access the internet on the computer in the Genealogy Room? What will I find there? Site listing, and examples, and a demonstration.
- September 18 - Brainstorming session on solving Genealogy dead end problems. Break into small groups for discussion and report back to the group as a whole with suggested solutions.
- October 16 - What is the PERSI Index? Where do I find it? What periodicals are in the Genealogy Room and how do I find them? Listing, examples and demonstration.

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- November 20- What Genealogy material is contained in all the file cabinets in the Genealogy Room? Listing, examples – Microfilm, Microfiche, Vertical files, and the Brownell Collection.**
- December 18- Annual meeting, Election, Holiday refreshments and program.**

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Using Cemeteries In Research

- 1. Grave stones can determine more precise birth, death and marriage dates.**
- 2. Grave stones can help segregate several individuals with the same name and can identify spouses, or other family members. Family members may also be buried near by.**
- 3. Grave stones can identify maiden names of female ancestors.**
- 4. Cemeteries in an ancestral hometown can lead to living descendants who may have remained in the ancestral hometown for centuries.**
- 5. Never be intimidated by large cemeteries. You can generally have an official look up your ancestor on an index.**
- 6. Even though a marker or gravestone may not exist, an official of the cemetery can check the location of the graves for you.**
- 7. Always remember that ages and even names may be in error. Follow-up with research in birth, death and marriage indexes.**

Source: Heritage Quest Magazine Winter 2004/2005

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New or Renewal Memberships

Welcome! Ron Edwards, Pete Harrington, June Woodruff, Bill Morgan, Ivey McGrew, Mary Ruth McClain, Margaret Elaine Free, Kate Ammon, Donald R. Polan, Rebecca Ann Rutledge.

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Washington State has opened their digital archives. Records include marriage, birth, death, census, naturalization and military records. The website is: www.secstate.wa.gov
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then follow the “digital archives” link. A synopsis of the information from the document is free online but there is a fee for the hard copy of the original. For more information write or visit the archives at 960 Washington Street, Cheney, Washington 99004 or phone 509-235-7509.

Everton’s Genealogical Helper, January/February 2005

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News Update – The Volusia County Cemetery Locator and Photographic Project initiated by Jerry Hale and Marti Kara, was approved for sponsorship by the Roots & Branches Board at their April meeting. This will allow Roots & Branches to publicize the Project.

The idea of the project was to supplement the work already done by Daphne Brownell, Bill Morgan and others. They are working to prepare a cemetery locator which will update the directions and provide photos of the entrance to each cemetery.

To see the cemetery list, check out the spreadsheet on the bulletin board in the Genealogy Room. The Volusia County Cemeteries that were inventoried and photographed include: Greater Union First Baptist Church Cemetery also known as Union Cemetery, Baker Cemetery, Beresford Cemetery also known as Beresford Presbyterian Cemetery, Deland Memorial Cemetery, Deltona Memorial Cemetery, Lake Helen-Cassadaga Cemetery, ME Church Cemetery, Missionary Methodist (or Baptist) Cemetery, Mt Aarat Cemetery (Bellevue Ave), Oakdale Cemetery in Deland, Osteen Cemetery, Old Camp/Prevatte Settlement Cemetery, Potters Field, Charity/Community/Spring Hill Cemetery, Suber Memorial Gardens, Wright Cemetery, Baker & 1st Union Baptist (or Union), Beresford DeLand Memorial, Holly Wood, Lincoln, Missionary Baptist / Methodist, and Mount Ararat (Bellevue Ave).

The Society intends to eventually include every cemetery in Volusia County in the locator notebook which will reside in the genealogy room of the DeLand Public Library.

There are approximately 160 cemeteries in the county so it will take a good deal of time to complete the project. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help will be welcomed. Contact: Marti Kara (386) 668-8234 or Jerry Hale (386) 532-6224 to help.

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Searchable Digitized Newspapers

–Brooklyn Daily Eagle – 1841-1902. Brooklyn Public Library
www.brooklynpublic_library.org/eagle/

-The London Times – 1785-1985. www.gale.com

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-Irish Newspaper Archive –

www.otherdays.com/presentation/asp/search/presNewspapers.asp

-Newspapers from Australia, Canada, Mexico, United Kingdom, and the United States circa 1800 – 1950 – www.paperofrecord.com/

NGS News Magazine – December 2004.

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Revolutionary War Service Records Hidden In The Pension Files

Genealogists who seek information on Revolutionary War veterans may be aware that the Revolutionary pension application files at the National Archives are a priceless source of genealogical and biographical information. However, what is not widely known is that the pension files also contain substantial information on the military service records of men who did *not* apply for pensions. Because of the quirks in the arrangement of the files, the records of these men are less accessible, not indexed, and have been overlooked by most genealogists who have used these files. Two versions of the files were microfilmed. One version represents the complete files. The complete files are available at the Regional Centers of the National Archives, as well as major research libraries such as the Family History Library. Recently, ProQuest has digitized the files into an electronic format, available on CD, and on the Internet at HeritageQuest Online. For practical reasons, because of the voluminous amount of paper, they chose to include only the selected records. Since most future genealogists will most likely rely on this electronic resource, rather than the microfilms, this decision ensures that many of them will not be aware of the complete records.

Most of the complete files contain one or more additional supplemental declarations. It should be noted that the supplemental declarations, filed in response to an initial rejection, are often more detailed than the original declaration. Also usually included in the detailed files are commission and discharge certificates.

Source: The NY Genealogical and Biographical Record, Vol. 136, Number 1.

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One Dollar Bill

Take out a one dollar bill. The one dollar bill you're looking at first came off the presses in 1957 in its present design. This so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen

blend, with red and blue minute silk fibers running through it. It is actually material. We've all washed it without it falling apart. A special blend of ink is used, the contents we will never know. It is overprinted with symbols and then it is starched to make it water resistant and pressed to give it that nice crisp look.

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If you look on the front of the bill, you will see the United States Treasury Seal. On the top you will see the scales for a balanced budget. In the center you have a carpenter's square, a tool used for an even cut. Underneath is the Key to the United States Treasury. That's all pretty easy to figure out, but what is on the back of that dollar bill is something we should all know.

If you turn the bill over, you will see two circles. Both circles, together, comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved.

If you look at the left-hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted, and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the West or decided what we could do for Western Civilization. The Pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything. "IN GOD WE TRUST" is on this currency. The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means, "God has favored our undertaking."

The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means, "a new order has begun." At the base of the pyramid is the Roman Numeral for 1776. If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery, and is the centerpiece of most hero's monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States, and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet very few people know what the symbols mean.

The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: First, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong, and he is smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England. Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. At the top of that shield you have a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation. In the Eagle's beak you will read, "E PLURIBUS UNUM", meaning, "one nation from many people."

Above the Eagle, you have thirteen stars, representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one. Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

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They say that the number 13 is an unlucky number. This is almost a worldwide belief. You will usually never see a room numbered 13, or any hotels or motels with a 13th floor. But think about this:

- 13 original colonies,
- 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence,
- 13 stripes on our flag,
- 13 steps on the Pyramid,
- 13 letters in the Latin above,
- 13 letters in "E Pluribus Unum,"
- 13 stars above the Eagle,
- 13 bars on that shield,
- 13 leaves on the olive branch,
- 13 fruits,
- and if you look closely, 13 arrows. And, for minorities: the 13th Amendment.

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***A Guide for Family Historians Researching in Canada*, by Althea Douglas, 2nd edition, 2004. Paperback. Price: CAN \$21.95 plus \$6.50 p&h (if paying same amounts in U.S. dollars take 20% discount) from Ontario Genealogical Society, Suite 102, 40 Orchard View Blvd., Toronto, Ontario M4R 1B9, Canada, www.ogs.on.ca.**

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NARA Records Online

You can now order NARA records online at www.archives.gov/index.html. Registration to the site is free but a credit card is necessary to pay for copies. Census pages, immigration, land, Native American, military service and pension records are available through online ordering. Recently added databases include Passenger Arrival Records, Eastern Cherokee Applications and Compiled Military Service Records. For more information, call 1-866-272-6272 or write to the National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001. Everton's Genealogical Helper, January/February 2005.

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Please Take Note: Roots & Branches will be hosting the 2006 Genealogy Seminar in DeLand at the Holiday Inn. The date will be January 21, 2006.

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Interesting Information:

Cousin Calculator – <http://www.iroots.net/tools/cusncalc/>. If you need help to determine your relationship to a new found relative this site can give you a quick answer.

Source: Indian River Genealogy Society Newsletter

There is a Western New York Genealogical Society. Initial membership is \$22.00. Members are allowed two free queries in each quarterly Journal. The emphasis is on: Alleghany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genese, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming Counties. For more information, write to: Department Q, P.O. Box 338, Hamburg, N.Y. 14075.

Source: Heritage Quest Magazine, Winter 2004/2005

New Books

***How To Find Real Family History Records Online*, by Rick Crume, 2004. Paperback, 240pages, price: \$29.99 at bookstores, published by Betterway Books, Cincinnati, Ohio, www.fwpublications.com.**

**ROOTS & BRANCHES GENEALOGY SOCIETY OF VOLUSIA COUNTY
2005 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL**

Name: (M__) _____ Maiden Name: _____

Street/P.O. Address _____ Telephone Number: _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

E-mail address: _____ NEW Member _____ RENEWAL _____

Membership period January - December. Please make check payable to the Roots and Branches Genealogy Society of Volusia County and mail to P. O. Box 612, DeLand, Florida 32721-0612 _____ Individual & Family - \$10

AN ANCESTOR CHART IS REQUESTED. PLEASE SUBMIT AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE

-NEW MEMBER INFORMATION-

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