



**THE ROOTS & BRANCHES
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF
WEST VOLUSIA COUNTY**

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**We meet on the 3rd Sunday of every month (except July/August) at 2 p.m. at
the DeLand Regional Library, 130 E. Howry Avenue, DeLand, Florida**

NEW! Distribution of newsletter via email - If your email is in our membership information you have received this newsletter via email. We have almost sixty members who have given us their email addresses. With postage soon rising to to 42-cents this gives us a potential savings of \$25.00 per mailing. Money that we can use for other, more important, expenditures. Members without an email address will receive it at the meeting during the month it's published. Those who miss the meeting will receive it by mail. If you want to be added to our email distribution system, please email Howard Fisher and ask him to add you to the list. His email is: randbnewsletter@bellsouth.net.

Roots and Branches has changed our mailing address We will be letting our current post office expire at the end of it's term. Therefore, please address all correspondence for Roots and Branches to: Roots and Branches Genealogical Society, 130 E. Howry Avenue, DeLand, Florida 32724

Hurricane Season is Here! Is your genealogy prepared?

What's your hurricane preparedness procedure? Besides stocking up on flashlight batteries and canned food, don't forget to find a safe place for your genealogical data. Mail a GEDCOM and a backup disk to a cousin or two at the beginning of the hurricane season. It is also a good idea to put disks in double zip lock bags in the freezer as well and have a "hurricane closet" full of nothing but photos. I shudder to think about all those precious old photos being lost after having survived for years and years. Another good reason to get those photos copied and share them with relatives. Remember to share your data with all those cousins (preferably a cousin or two in Nebraska!). If your information is destroyed by hurricane, flood or tornado, you'll be able to recover what you have shared.

Membership Updates/Corrections

Please add/change this information to your copy of our directory

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Place this list in your directory so you know who to contact when you have a question about Roots and Branches. Every member of the board welcomes your questions and input to make our organization a success.

Our collection of books in the Genealogy Room is growing thanks to donations by members and purchases by the board of directors. Here is a list of our latest acquisitions. Be sure to thank the members and board for making our genealogy knowledge grow.

- WPA by Fran Carter Walker – Roots and Branches purchase
- Georgia Research by George K. Schweitzer – Roots and Branches Purchase
- Missouri Research by George K. Schweitzer – Roots and Branches Purchase
- Mexican and Spanish Research by Summitt Publications – Roots and Branches Purchase
- Alsace- Lorraine by Ernest Thode – Root and Branches Purchase Polish and Proud by Ye Olde Genealogie Shoppe – Roots and Branches Purchase
- Adventures of Purse and Person Virginia 1607-1624/5, fourth edition, donated by Marjorie Heaney in honor of William E. Carter, M.D.

What's in the Genealogy Room? Our genealogy room is full of local history treasures! One source are all of those vertical files. Just in case you don't know what's in them, here is a list:

Subject: Contents of the Verticle Files in Genealogy Room – Deland Area Public Library

A. Microfilm

Drawer #1	Florida Federal Census	1860-1920	Various Counties	11 Reels
	New York “ “	1830-1880	“ “	15 Reels
	Georgia “ “	1850-1910	“ “	11 Reels
	Misc. “ “	NJ, VA, LA, KY, WV “	“ “	10 Reels

Drawer #2	New England Genealogical Society			
	Index and Vol's 1 – 141	1847-1987		26 reels
	Index of Genealogies and Pedigrees by surname	Vols 1-50		

Drawer #3 DeLand Weekly/Daily News	1903-1924	12 Reels
Volusia County Recorder	1889-1914	4 Reels
DeLand Sun News	1925-1940	31 Reels
Drawer #4 DeLand Sun News	1940-1958	60 Reels
Drawer #5 DeLand Sun News	1958-1967	60 Reels
Drawer #6 DeLand Sun News	1967-1981	60 Reels
Drawer #7 DeLand Sun News	1981-1990	57 Reels
Drawer #8 DeLand Sun News	1991 – June 1992	9 Reels

B. Microfiche

Drawer #1 IGI Batch Number Index	July 1995	11 Fiche
IGI US Surname by State & Native Americans		1710 Fiche
Drawer #2 IGI England Surname by Shire		751 Fiche
Channel Islands		3 Fiche
Ireland by County		66 Fiche
Wales		147 Fiche
Drawer #3 IGI Scotland Surname by County		581 Fiche
Central European – Germany		1263 Fiche
Drawer #4 IGI Central European – Other, France, Spain, Poland etc		
Family History Catalog by Surname and Locality/State		254 Fiche
Family Registry by Surname		134 Fiche
Hartford Times	1957-1967	

C. Misc.

UMI Guide to Family & Local Histories		4 Vols
Obituaries – West Volusia Area from Beacon and News Journal	1996-2002	9 Drawers
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	2003 – Date	7 Binders
Births	“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	1996 - Date 4 Binders
Brownell Collection - Local Family History by Surname, DAR, Delayed Death Records, Marriages, Veterans & Cemeteries	1900's	72 Binders
Early Volusia Families		3 Binders
Additional Info by Surname and Subject		6 Drawers
History of Roots and Branches	1986 – Date	3 Binders
Five Generation Charts of Roots and Branches Members		4 Binders
Family Histories by Surname - Research Material etc.		3 Drawers
Local Histories by State		2 Drawers
Genealogy Info by Subject – Catalogs, Newsletters etc.		2 Drawers

A Message from your Newsletter Editor:

I am humbled and very appreciative to have been asked to be your newsletter editor and hope that I can serve the members of "R&B" well. We must, however, take an opportunity to commend and recognize the tremendous success of our newsletter brought about by the monumental efforts of Carol Rizzo. She has written this newsletter for seven years.

I hope that you accept this, my first newsletter, as a beginning and hope that someday those that follow will be as good as those that Carol published. I look forward to your help and support.

Howard Fisher

26 Tips to Get you Started in Your Genealogy Research by: Robert Bickham

I hope that these 26 tips help you, I would be very interested if you think that these tips are of value to you. Please let me know if you make some progress in your research. email address: bick@a1webdesign.com

1. Talk to your parents,
 - A. Find out where they grew up, went to school, etc.
 - B. Birth & death dates of both mother and father, bible records?
 - C. Marriage date and location of marriage (might see if they have a copy)
 - D. Ask them about where their parents and grandparents if buried (location) exact location, city, state, name of cemetery.
 - E. Ask if there are any of your Aunt, Uncles or other relatives have previously done any genealogy research.
 - F. Find out who they know is their oldest living relative (then make plans to visit them and record (both: take notes and use a recorder) your conversation with them)
 1. Ask questions about what they know about the family
 2. Ask where relatives are buried
 3. Ask if they know any dates for birth, death, and marriage
 4. Ask if they know any stories about the family
 5. Ask if they know any other living relatives (visit them and do the same thing with them)
 - G. Search the Internet for the surnames that you have found (mothers' maiden name, grandmothers' maiden name, etc) this will possibly find others doing research on the same lines of genealogy you are wanting.
 - H. Your local library should be able to point you in the right direction to research areas that you have found from your interviews and census records.
 - I. U.S. Government Federal records centers have all census records from 1790-1920 these can be searched for grandparents and grt grandparents. (Also SS records exist after 1935 that can be sent for)
 - J. Find if any of your relatives were in any wars, alot of information is available at the Federal GOV level to send for their records for a small charge.
 - K. Visit cemeteries that your relatives are buried, some good information is sometimes on the gravestones (birth death)

- L. Visit the Everton Genealogy Web page and signup for a subscription to the Genealogical Helper magazine (you can submit queries and search for others doing the same) Sometimes local library will have copies of this book that you can look at if you can't afford to get the subscription.
- M. Send for copies of Birth, death, and marriage records for those relatives you know or find (they usually have names of mother and father, etc)
- N. Gather pictures of older relatives while making your visits. (If distance prevents the visit write letters or call, remember record them)
- O. Visit your local LDS church, most have a library that you can send to Salt Lake and have microfilm sent back to the church for you to view. These records are extensive and probably the best available.
- P. Take a course in searching your relatives from your local library or historical society (usually every state or county has one)
- Q. Lastly you can hire a professional genealogist, before doing this make sure that you have good references from others that are familiar with this persons work. (I have done this when searching in an area that I am not familiar with and know that the researcher can gain access to records that I would spend many hours looking for)
- R. Join your local Genealogy or Historical Society, Even State Societies will be of some help in your research.
- S. Visit the Internet GenWeb Project for your area. You can search the Internet for their web sites, usually have good hints for searching in that area. Also visit the County GenWeb sites most have a location for queries.
- T. Visit Used books stores looking for genealogical books, you will be surprised to find some great older books that have "how to" information in them.
- U. YOU need to dedicate yourself to doing this. That means spend the time do all the steps and you will start gathering information.
- V. Save the information in an orderly way as to preserve the information you have gathered(future generations will appreciate it and you will to when searching for information quickly)
- W. Search the Internet phone directories and email directories, drop these folks a note asking about your family with direct, not general questions. You will be surprised, receiving good areas to search or names of others doing research on the same lines as you.
- X. Take a camera with you and take pictures of those pictures that others wont let you have. Even if you just want to run down the street to have a copy made most people will NOT let you leave with their original pictures.
- Y. Let the other members of your family know that you are doing genealogy research on your family and ask for any old pictures they have, here again you may be stuck with taking a picture of their picture for reasons mentioned above.
- Z. Be considerate of others and their privacy, record and views. You are asking for help treat them with all the respect that you would also want. You will find some have information but are unwilling to share it with you. Try to find out why there is this feeling and do your best to set their minds at rest.

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Roots & Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County-Membership Application/Renewal
Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Address _____ Phone Number: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____
(circle Y or N) (circle one)

E-mail address: _____ May we email newsletter Y/N New Member Renewal

Membership is January – December. Individual and/or Family Dues \$15.00

Make checks payable to: *Roots and Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County*
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NEW MEMBER INFORMATION (Optional)

<u>SURNAMES</u>	<u>LOCATION, YEARS</u>	<u>SURNAMES</u>	<u>LOCATION, YEARS</u>
Example: FISHER	NY STATE, 1817	BEDDOW	ENGLAND, 1831

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