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Yea! It's Summertime!

The Brownell Collection Yields a 1919 "Who Done It?!!" — *Jerry Hale*



June 1, 2010—The recent news of the murder of Rabbitt R. M. Burns in her home in Orange City was tragic. The police soon caught up with her killer. The police are much better at catching the bad guys in this day and age of forensics and instant communication. It was not always so. A similar murder happened in Orange City way back in 1919. Another woman, Mrs. Susan (Baker) Clark, ran a grocery store on Main Street, known today as Graves Avenue, just east of Volusia Avenue (Hwy 17/92).



The Clark Grocery Store Building Later Known as the Hogan Hotel—
From the Orange City Library Association collection used with permission of Mr. Hurley Strickland, President and thanks to Mrs. Joan LaFleur

The initial story was found in the **Brownell Collection**¹. There are many such stories in those volumes but this one caught my eye. Was Susan Clark a native or had she come to Orange City from somewhere else? Would it be possible to learn more about her? With all of the resources available in the Genealogy Room and online, it

might be possible. "Our Story of Orange City"² mentions the story but doesn't give any details about Susan or about Mrs. Marshall who was beaten up and tied in a similar fashion on that same night but survived. The account in the newspaper of that time differs from the story in the Orange City history. Here is what was learned: Susan Baker was born in Manchester Borough, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh, in
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Special points of interest:

- Check out our writing contest—win prizes for having an interesting ancestor! All you have to do is fill out the entry form on page 7 and submit.
- Jerry's murder mystery from the Brownell Collection is a real "Who done it?!"
- Announcements and obituaries from DeLand's early 1900's newspapers.

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Do you have any suggestions or comments about this issue of the newsletter? Do you have any ideas for future articles? Do you wish to share your thoughts about any topics concerning history and/or genealogy? Would you like

to post a query in the newsletter and network with fellow researchers? Send correspondence to the above address.

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Society News

Status of Scanning Projects

Beacon Archive Projects: Carol and Jim Nichols and I continue to work on converting the old Apple Page-Maker files from Page Maker v3 to v4 then to v6.5 and then, using Indesign, converting individual pages to pdf and finally combining the individual page pdf files into a single pdf for each edition. We have finished with the floppy disks, Jim is going back through them to be sure we haven't missed anything. Carol and I are using Indesign to convert to pdf. We are probably 2/3rds of the way through the project. If anyone else would like to help please let me know. Brownell Collection: Finished scanning, awaiting help in verifying the pdf files against the notebooks. Once verified we will decide how to publish this extremely valuable resource. Obituary Card File: Mary Lois, our "Iron Woman" completed scanning all of the obit cards and we are in the process of verifying them, they should be ready for publication by this fall. We have to decide

how/where to publish them. Possibilities are: Volusia County GenWeb, our own web site, Genealogy Buff site. Yates Collection: About one third completed. Assistance needed. Planning: Blue Notebook Obits: We will work on this project when the obituary card file project is completed.—*Jerry Hale*

"My Most Interesting Ancestor" Contest

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Branches Genealogical Society

Roots and Branches will award cash prizes of \$100 for the first place winner, \$50 for second and \$25 for the third place winner.

In addition, each winner will receive:

- A certificate recognizing their achievement
- A one-year subscription to Family Tree Maker magazine
- A one-year subscription to the DeLand Beacon
- A one-year membership to Roots and Branches Genealogical Society

The panel of judges for the contest will be: Barbara Shephard, Co-Publisher and Editor of the DeLand Beacon; Kathleen Mann, Regional Librarian, DeLand Regional Library; Karen Richter, artist and professional educator, DeLand. The Contest Entry Form can be found on page 7. —*Howard Fisher*

Treasurer's Report—*Harriet Bolin*

Balance as of April 2010	\$4499.07
Receipts: Dues from M. Zitzelberger, L. Jones	30.00
Sub-total:	\$ 4629.07
Expenses	
April Speaker's Fee (H. Fisher)	30.00
Printing Winter 2010 Newsletter (G. Hale)	16.62
Balance on Hand as of 16 May 2010	\$4582.45

Calendar—*Howard Fisher*

There will be no meetings in July and August.

Sunday, September, 2:00 PM: (Please note that there has been a change in the schedule.)

"Sharing and Solving our Dead Ends", a Roots and Branches member workshop moderated by Howard Fisher. Please submit your most prominent dead-end to be reviewed and discussed as a group. Our organization has a wealth of genealogy experience and this is a chance for us to help each other solve some of those areas where we may be "stuck." What is Known? Give a brief description of your problem and the stumbling block you are trying to overcome. In what geographic area is your research? What is the "last thing" you found about this person/situation? What Is Missing—what do you want to find next? Where is your dead-end?

The President's Forum—*Rosemary Sutton*

July, 2010

Dear Members,

One of the classes we discussed this year was "Sources, Citations, Documentation and Evidence."

Every item written or in your data base has a source. That's where you found it, but can you find it again? Keep a notebook of where you found things. If you are lucky, you can remember where you placed your notebook.

Citations are starting points of reference - "I know I was born."

Documentation is the reliable proof of existence. The when and where I was born.

Evidence comes in two types: Primary source is a record made at or near the time of an actual event and preferably recorded by someone with first hand knowledge and without a vested interest. (Doctor, coroner, minister.)

Secondary sources are published works such as Bio's, census records, directories, Bibles, and tombstones.

One has to learn to evaluate primary and secondary evidence. "Things are not always what they seem," as quoted by most genealogists.

Have a pleasant summer, and happy ancestry hunting.

Rosemary Sutton,
President Roots and Branches

Abbreviated Society Minutes—*Carmela Bergen, Recording Secretary*

16 May 2010—The meeting was called to order by President Rosemary Sutton. We welcomed one new member, Marsha Zitzelberger.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Treasurer Harriet Bolin reported a balance of \$4582.45 on hand. Report was filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary Jerry Hale said he has subscription information for the *Bland Family Newsletter* for those who might be interested.

Howard Fisher, 1st Vice President, announced changes to the "My Most Interesting Ancestor" contest. The word limit has been raised to 500 words. Authors are referred to the entry form for full rules, prize lists, and judges' names. The 1pm lesson in June will be "How to Prepare for a Research Trip."

No meetings are scheduled for July and August. The speaker for September will be Larry Cain from

the Family History Center explaining the new Family Search System. October's topic will be "What I Learned on My Genealogy Cruise" by Howard. November is open right now. December will be our social and the winners of the Most Interesting Ancestor Contest.

Mary Lois Kelley, 2nd Vice President, announced 62 memberships representing 81 members.

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about 1846, the 4th of 10 children. Her parents both came to this country from England before 1850. Her mother died between 1870 and 1880 and her widowed father continued working as a blacksmith. He is listed in 1880, age 63. Susan, age 30 and her sisters, Harriett, age 28 and Sadie [Sarah], age 24 were all still single and living at home.³

Meanwhile John Wesley Clark was born in Sept 1848, in Lime Ridge, Center Twp., Columbia County, Pennsylvania, near Wilkes Barre. His parents Robert and Elizabeth Clark, both from England, were farmers.³ By 1870 the father, Robert, had passed away and his son William was running a dairy farm in Pittsburgh, Ward 21. William and his wife Mary as well as John, age 21 and his wife Virginia E. [Estelle], age 20, are listed as dairymen. Mother Elizabeth, age 60, is keeping house. There was apparently a connection between the Clark and Baker families as Jane Baker is listed with the Clark family in 1870, occupation 'H.R.'³

By 1880 John and Estelle V. [Virginia] are in Ward 3, Precinct 21 of Pittsburgh, running a retail grocery business. Estelle Virginia or Virginia Estelle was born in Ohio in 1849, her father was also born in Ohio and her mother is listed as born in Europe. She was not present in the 1900 census and John had gone to Florida.³

Nothing more is known of John Clark and Susan Baker until they both arrived in Volusia County and were married in Orange City, on March 23rd 1887.⁴ They opened a retail grocery business on Main Street (see photo page 1). John was not well and struggled to help Susan run the business, doing the books and ordering until shortly before his death. He attended the Methodist Church when his health allowed.

Knowing he was failing, John made all possible preparation for his interment which he desired should be made in Pittsburgh in a beautiful lot there selected by himself. He sent for his brother, David G. Clark in Pittsburgh. David started for Orange City immediately but before he arrived John had passed quietly away on May 8, 1907. Gus Allen prepared the body and Rev. Autle performed the ceremony at the house. After the funeral Susan and John's brother David accompanied the body back to Pittsburgh for burial.⁵

Susan continued to run the grocery business. Two of Susan's sisters, Harriett and Sarah came to live with her in Orange City. Harriett died of tuberculosis on 25 May 1913 and Sarah died on 8 Dec 1917.⁶

Undoubtedly lonely, Susan married Thomas H. Nelson on 30 Mar 1918.⁷ This marriage is documented but its dissolution is not. What happened to the marriage and to Thomas Nelson is a mystery. He doesn't appear in anything that has been recorded of Susan's life and she remained Susan B. Clark until her death.

Now operating her grocery business and living alone above her store on Main Street, age 73, tragedy struck. The headline on the morning of November 12, 1919 read "**ORANGE CITY WOMAN MURDERED IN HOME ANOTHER BEATEN UP**"⁸

The Story. ⁸ "About 9 o'clock this morning, John Thursby, agent at Orange City Junction, noticed that the little refreshment stand opposite the depot had not been opened. He went across the railroad tracks, and upon approaching the building heard groans. He went inside and there found Mrs. Laura A. Marshall, the keeper of the refreshment stand, tied to the foot of her bed, with several cloths around her head and throat, her feet tied together, and her hands tied behind her back. Blood was on the floor and on her clothing and she

had been severely beaten and bruised. He released the old lady and sent in the alarm. Dr. G. A. Davis of DeLand was telephoned for as was also Sheriff Morris. Mrs. Marshall, as soon as she was able, stated that she had been beaten during the early part of the night by a dark brown Negro, who beat her up, tied her, and finally made her confess where she kept her money. The Negro secured the money, about \$80.00, and made his escape. She remained where she had been tied until help came late this morning."

Murder in Orange City. When this news was flashed to Orange City, Miss Bessie Martin recalled that Mrs. S. B. Clark's store had not been opened all morning, and she, with Mr. Thompson, went over to investigate. Mrs. Clark lived in the second floor of the brick building on the north side of the main street. Miss Martin and Mr. Thompson effected an entrance by the back stairs where they found Mrs. Clark foully murdered, and the entire house torn up. The murder had been committed by means of a blunt instrument, either a monkey wrench or possibly the butt of a revolver. Mrs. Clark was also tied with cloths; her skull was crushed, and she had been beaten practically all over the body. The house was ransacked, evidently by someone looking for money or valuables.

Inquest being held. County Judge McCrory, Sheriff Morris and several of his deputies are in Orange City this afternoon holding an inquest.

Two suspects arrested. One white man and one Negro have been arrested as suspects.

Negro was armed. Mrs. Marshall stated that the Negro was armed with a big revolver, but that he beat her with a wrench. Dr. Davis, who attended her, states that her wounds are not necessarily fatal.

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White stranger noted. Mr. Thursby states that there was a white man around the Orange City Junction station for a considerable time yesterday, with no apparent pressing business.

Pratt's horse stolen. B. G. Pratt's horse was stolen in Orange City last night, but returned home of its own volition this morning. The halter with which the horse was probably driven was found this morning on the Harden Ferry road.

Orange City Inn entered. Some one entered Orange City Inn yesterday afternoon during the absence of the managers. Entrance was effected through a window. So far as can be ascertained, nothing was stolen.

The next day **ORANGE CITY MURDER STILL A MYSTERY – MURDERER AT LARGE. . . HANDSOME GOLD WATCH.**⁹ A handsome gold watch, Waltham movement, was found on the floor of Mrs. Marshall's room; it is thought that this watch was worn by the person who assaulted her and was wrenched loose in the scuffle. Mrs. Marshall's bank book was found some distance down the railroad track.

The information in the *DeLand News* articles of November 12th & 13th didn't provide many clues, only that watch; and on Nov 17th & 19th *Tideland Daily News* and the *DeLand News* reprinted a story from *Daytona Daily News* which compared this murder and assault to the famous Packwood murders in Oak Hill in 1891, and of Mr. & Mrs. Neff in their home between DeLand and Deleon Springs of a few years before.¹⁰

Also in the *DeLand Daily News* of the 19th it was stated that Sheriff Morris had received a letter from

Sheriff J. A. Hampton of Plant City. Sheriff Hampton related that a robber had made off with several watches there the week before. One of those stolen watches turned out to be the one found on the floor of Mrs. Marshall's apartment.

Mrs. Clark was buried in "Hollywood Field" Lot #44 W-1/2 Grave #3, on November 18, 1919, beside her sisters Harriett and Sarah.⁶ Susan is always referred to as Mrs. Susan B. Clark, there was no mention of a husband, nor was she ever called a widow.

The search continued for the murderer. Governor Catts put up a \$150 reward for the murderer and an extra \$100 for the assault of Mrs. Marshall. The town of Orange City offered \$1,000 for the murderer of Mrs. Clark.

The investigation into the murder and assault dragged on into 1920. At several times someone was arrested and thought to be the perpetrator but Mrs. Marshall had gotten a good look at the criminal and cleared several of them.

On December 30th, 1919 Samuel Habersham was arrested in Miami for attempting to break in and rob the home of ex-Sheriff John Fronoch and for carrying a concealed weapon. He fit the description of the perpetrator and so Sheriff Lee Morris & Mrs. Marshall traveled to Dade Co. Samuel Habersham turned out not to be the man who did the crimes in Orange City. He was prosecuted and sentenced for the burglary and ended up in the law annals of Florida when his case made it to the Florida Supreme Court. His conviction was upheld upon review. (see Appendix xxxv.)



Mose Gibson confessed to the murder of a rancher, Roy Trapp (above) and his wife, at Fullerton, California

In August Sheriff Morris received a wire from Sheriff C. E. Jackson, Sheriff of Orange County California at Santa Ana.¹² One Mose Gibson had murdered a rancher, Roy Trapp and his wife at Fullerton, Calif. Gibson was pursued and captured in Topoca, Arizona, [sic Topock] about 260 miles east. He was brought back to Santa Ana where he was arraigned, given a preliminary hearing, convicted and sentenced to hang within three hours. Because of a lynching threat Gibson was transferred to San Quinten prison to await his fate.

Sheriff Jackson interviewed Gibson who proceeded to confess to several murders and an array of burglaries.

One of the murders he confessed to was a woman in Orange City Junction, Florida in November of 1919. Whether he thought he had killed Mrs. Marshall or was just confused or, some thought, lying in hopes of delaying his hanging and perhaps find a way to escape, is not known. He didn't seem to remember killing Mrs. Clark on that same night and his confession was rambling and contradictory.¹³

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Sheriff Morris traveled to California to interview Gibson¹⁴ himself but nothing was ever mentioned about the results of that trip. The newspaper file is not complete and so, if anything was printed it must have been in the missing pages.

On Saturday, September 25, 1920 the *DeLand Daily News* carried a short article:

“Mose Gibson Hanged For California Murder.”¹⁵

“The Negro Mose Gibson, convicted of the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Trapp, and who confessed the murder of Mrs. Susan B. Clark of Orange City and the assault of Mrs. Laura A. Marshall of Orange City Junction was hanged in San Quentin, California prison yesterday.” Thus ended any mention of the incident. Mose Gibson's “confession” is recorded in Appendix xxx. The article that introduced that confession carried the headline **“Mose Gibson Confession Orange City Murder Seems Rather Mixed.”** The *Orange County, Calif BLOG* discusses the crime under the heading **“The 50 most notorious crimes in Orange County History.”**

<<http://tinyurl.com/32mvvs3>> and carries the above photograph of Mose Gibson in custody after being returned to Santa Ana. The front page of the Santa Ana Register on the day Gibson was executed is also displayed. (see Appendix xxxiii & xxxiv and see Appendix xxxvi for a map of the area.)

Whether Mose Gibson was the real murderer or whether he was led to the confession of the murder of Susan Baker is still a mystery in my mind. What do you think?

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Mose Gibson (3rd from left) was convicted and hanged for the murder of Mr. & Mrs. Roy G. Trapp at San Quentin, California. There were unanswered questions about his confession for the murder of Susan B. Clark and the assault of Mrs. Laura A. Marshall of Orange City Junction.

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Jerry has posted this story on our web site <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flrbgs/stories/Clark.pdf>

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All entries of 500 words or less must include a completed and signed Roots and Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County (RBGSWV) "My Most Interesting Ancestor" Entry Form. Entries will be accepted from June 1, 2010 and November 30, 2010 and the awards will be presented at their annual meeting on December 19, 2010. The Roots and Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County will not be responsible for incomplete, lost, late, misdirected or illegible entries.

By submitting an entry in the Roots and Branches Genealogical Society of Volusia County "My Most Interesting Ancestor" contest, I acknowledge that my entry will be the property of the Roots and Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County and **give my consent** to RBGSWV to make public (publish in both print and on the internet) the information which has been submitted by the undersigned for the Roots and Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County "My Most Interesting Ancestor" contest. Entries will be accepted from June 1, 2010 and November 30, 2010 and the awards will be presented at the annual meeting on December 19, 2010.

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Please print, sign and if under 18 years of age include parent/guardian signature.

Contestant's Name (**print**) _____

Contestant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name (**print**) _____

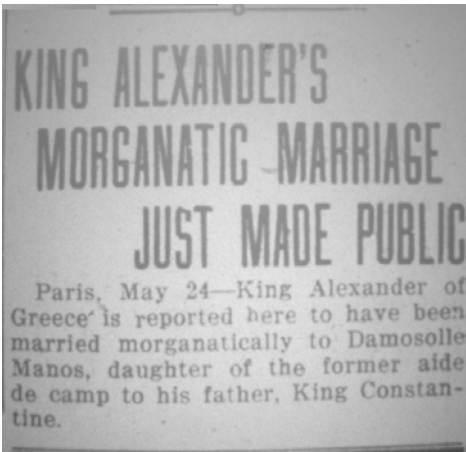
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E-mail Address _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

From The Pages of the DeLand News and the Volusia County Reporter—compiled by Jerry Hale



Paris, May 24, 1919—King Alexander of Greece is reported here to have been married morganatically to Damosolie Manos, daughter of the former aide de camp to his father, King Constantine.

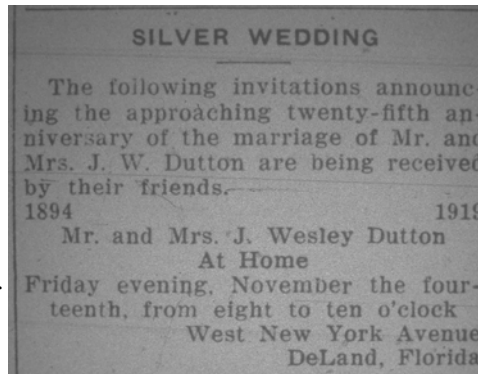
A morganatic marriage is a type of marriage which can be contracted in certain countries, usually between people of unequal social rank, which prevents the passage of the husband's titles and privileges to the wife and any children born of the marriage. It is also known as a left-handed marriage because in the wedding ceremony the groom holds his bride's right hand with his left hand instead of his right.[1]

Generally, this is a marriage between a male of high birth (such as from a royal or reigning house), and a woman of lesser status (such as from a non-royal or non-reigning house, or with a profession that is traditionally considered lower-status). Neither the bride nor any children of the marriage has any claim on the groom's titles, rights, or entailed property. The children are considered legitimate on other counts and the prohibition of bigamy applies. Morganatic marriage was also practiced by the polygamous Mongols as to their non-principal wives.

It is possible for a woman to

marry a man of lower rank morganatically, but this is extremely rare. In the past, women of high rank often did not have titles that they could pass to their children, and in most cases did not choose their own husbands.

(From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morganatic_marriage Silver Wedding—Jerry Hale



November 13, 1919—The following invitations announcing the approaching twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Dutton are being received by their friends.

1894 1919

Mr. & Mrs. J. Wesley Dutton

At Home

Friday evening, November the fourteenth, from eight to ten o'clock,

West New York Avenue

DeLand, Florida

Silver Tea at Mrs. Fountains



The "Girls Circle" of the Presbyterian church will entertain with a silver tea Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. V M Fountain on East New York Avenue.



December 20, 1919—Burns Flying Circus will appear at DeLand Tuesday afternoon, beginning at two o'clock.

The king of the daredevils, Owens, will be among the features. There will be wing-walking on the plans while they are in flight, standing on head on the wings, a parachute drop of 5,000 feet from a machine going at the rate of eighty miles an hour, and other features.

All the stunts will be pulled off over the business section of the town and will be absolutely free, the merchants and business men paying all expenses. A cordial invitation is extended all the people of Volusia county to witness the exhibition

Friday, September 6, 1912—

PASSED INTO ETERNITY.

The late N. J. Ohlson of Pierson, who died suddenly from heart trouble at his home on the morning of September 2nd, a sufferer for the past year, was one of the early settlers of Pierson. He was born Sept. 15th, 1848, at Nericke, Sweden, immigrating to the united (sic) States in the spring of 1867, to Fredonia, N. Y., where he was United (sic) in marriage to Miss Caroline Johnson, April 2nd 1872, being then engaged in the piano business, in which he was a skilled workman. One son was born to them. He first came to Florida in 1885, purchasing land near Pierson and planted an orange grove. His family came in 1894, the year of the big freeze. By great perseverance and industry he managed to turn failure into success. His married life of over forty years was one of happiness. He was good husband and a loving father and true to his friends, and always had a kind word and helping hand to those in need. He will be greatly missed by his host of friends here, and all join in extending their heart felt sympathy to the family in this bereavement. He is survived by his widow and son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ohlson.

The funeral services were conducted at the home in Pierson at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning by Rev. C H Ferran of the Presbyterian church, DeLand, and also conducting the services at the grave in the Swedish Lutheran Cemetery. The Church Choir sang two beautiful hymns. Rest in Peace.

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Mr. & Mrs. Fred Ohlson

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Founded in 1986, the Roots & Branches Society of West Volusia County, serves the cities of DeLand, Deltona, DeBary, Enterprise, Osteen, Pier-son and Seville.

The purpose of this Society is to stimulate and promote interest in genealogical and historical research and provide instruction in the use of efficient mechanics and adherence to scientific principles of accuracy and thoroughness in research.

We meet the third Sunday of each month, September through June, in the Auditorium of the DeLand Public Library for a Program at 2:00 PM. A 45 minute beginners' lesson is offered at 1:00 PM prior to the meeting in the Conference Room behind the Audio/Visual desk. Guests are welcome.

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Our speaker, Eric Dusenbery, was introduced for his presentation "Crocker Sacks and Catfish Stew", a combination of stories and photos preserving Northwest Volusia County history. He outlined how to go about beginning a project of this sort, basic interview tips, and technical considerations.

After the program, Mary Lois Kelley presented the Genealogy Room with *Volume 8, History and Roster, 1998-2009, the Florida State Society of the Daughters of the Revolution*.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Harriet Bolin, Acting Secretary