

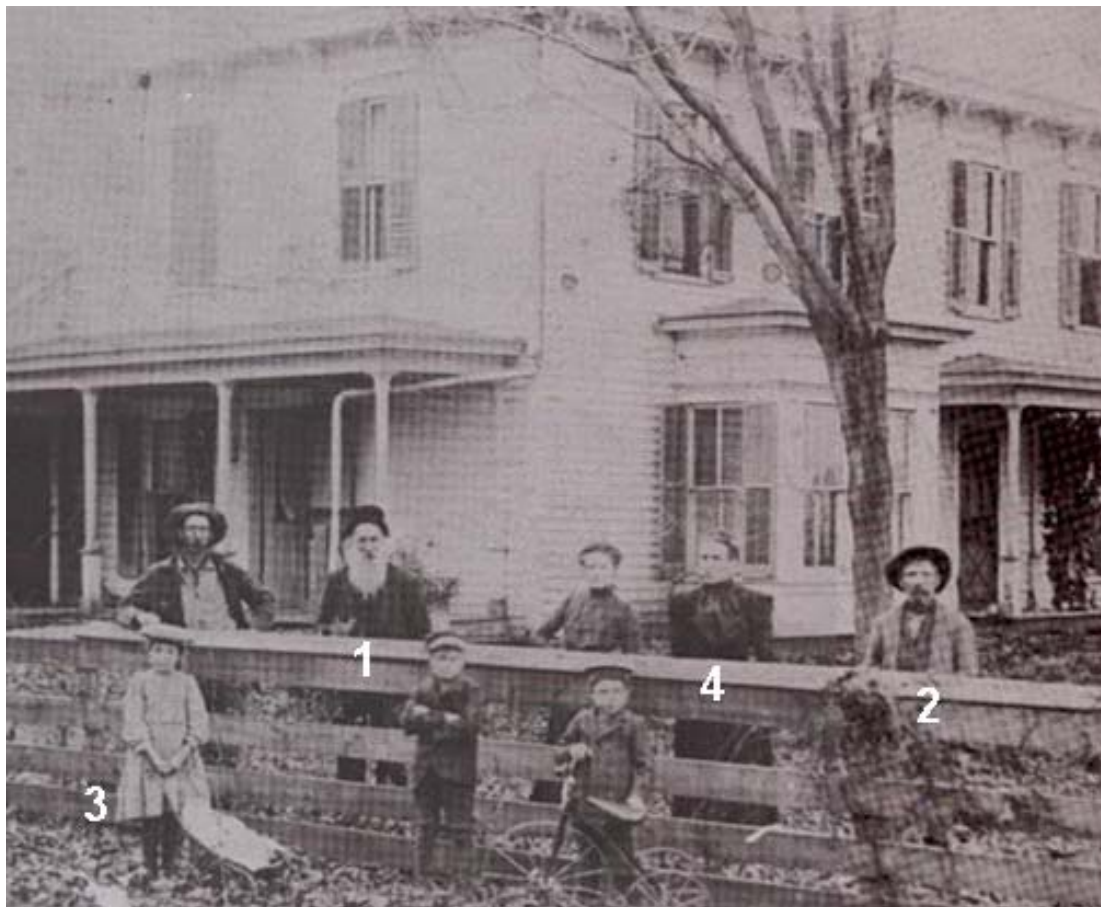
Fall 2010

# Roots & Branches Genealogy Society West Volusia County

130 E. Howry Avenue, DeLand, Florida 32724

October, November, December 2010

**It Will Soon Be Time For Turkey & Pumpkin Pie !**



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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.
- There is no better entertainment than reading the 100 year old plus Record newspapers.

## The Richmond Family From the Mayflower to Iowa

**Jerry Hale's family in front of The Richmond Hotel :** #3- Maud Richmond #2- Her father Alonzo Elijah #1- His father Justus #4- Charlotte Amanda Beard Richmond, wife of Alonzo, paternal Gr Grandmother.

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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 concern-

ing 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

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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 Shepard, 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

### See Contest Entry Form page 8

### The National Archives Blog

Howard Fisher recommends The National Archives blog for tips on how to access records held by NARA and improve your research experience. Try this link:

<http://blogs.archives.gov/online-public-access/>, or use key words NARA, then genealogy blog.

### Progress Report from Jerry

In an e-mail dated 8/14/10 Jerry wrote: "We're down to about 16 issues of the

Beacon archives so scanning will be finished soon. All of the obituary cards have been scanned and Mary Lois Kelli and I are working on proofing them. I'm also finishing the index for the delayed births from Brownell." Contact Jerry at [roots.branches.volusia@gmail.com](mailto:roots.branches.volusia@gmail.com)

if you are willing to lend a hand.

### Genealogy Seminar

The Volusia-Flagler Council of Genealogical Societies is sponsoring an upcoming seminar, "Thinking Creatively About Difficult Research Problems," by Apryl Cox, an Accredited Genealogist professional from Salt Lake City, Utah. Hosted this year by Halifax Genealogical Society, the seminar will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2011, from 9 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at The Club at Halifax Plantation in Ormond Beach, Florida. Luncheon will be served. Early registration is \$35 until December 15th; \$40 thereafter until the final deadline.



Membership Chairman Mary Lois Kelley reports that we have four new members this year. We welcome Carolyn Mitchell, Jenne McDonough, M. E. Sorenson and Marsha Zitzelberger.

## Calendar—Howard Fisher

**Sunday, September 19, 2010, 2:00 PM:** Howard Fisher will moderate “Solving Our Most Vexing Genealogical Problems,” a Roots and Branches member workshop. Please submit your most vexing dead-ends to be reviewed and discussed as a group. Start with what is known and give a brief description of your problem/ stumbling block. Our organization has a wealth of genealogy experience and this is a chance for us to help each other find solutions.

**Lesson, 1:00 PM:** “War & Military Records” by Rosemary Sutton

**Sunday, October 17, 2010, 2:00 PM:** “What I Learned on My Genealogy Cruise,” by Howard Fisher. It will be an overview of all the speakers that Howard and Pat, his wife, encountered on a genealogy cruise, that include: Drew Smith, Michael LeClerc, George Morgan, Jana Broglin, and Diana and Gary Smith.

**Lesson 1:00 PM:** “The Elusive Female” by Rosemary Sutton.

**Sunday, November 21, 2010, 2:00 PM:** “How to Prepare and Write Your Family History” by Raff Ellis. Ellis will discuss how he came to research and write his award winning memoir. This topic should be of interest to all genealogists and anyone who has contemplated writing a non-fiction memoir. Read more about him at [http://www.arabworldbooks.com/authors/raff\\_ellis.htm](http://www.arabworldbooks.com/authors/raff_ellis.htm)

**Lesson 1:00 PM:** “Timeline & Migratory Trails” by Rosemary Sutton

## Abbreviated Society Minutes— Carmela Bergen, Recording Secretary

June 20, 2010—The meeting was called to order by President Rosemary Sutton at 2:07pm. Three visitors were introduced: Nancy and Donald Wills and Karen Rider.

Minutes from the May meeting were read and approved. The treasurer’s report showed a balance on hand of \$4567.45. It was filed for audit.

A message from Howard Fisher, first vice president, stated the September meeting will be “Solving Our Most Vexing Genealogical Problems.” The contest for articles about “My Most Interesting Ancestor” will be open until December 1<sup>st</sup>. The winners will be announced at the December meeting/social.

Carol Izzo announced the September 18<sup>th</sup> presentation by the St. John’s Ranger Camp #1360 of an Encounter with Two Florida Blockade Runners during the Civil War. The Reenactors are from the Williamsburg Foundation in Virginia. It will be at the Grant Bly House on East New York Avenue, at 6:30 PM; cost is \$25.00 per person.

Mary Lois Kelley reported we have 62 memberships representing 81 individuals.

The program for the day was presented by Larry Cain, director

of the Family History Center at the Church of Latter-Day Saints on S. Aquarius Avenue across from the DeLand Middle School.

One reaches the Center by driving to the back of the building to the door marked Family History Center. Hours are from 10am to 2pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 6 to 9pm on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The telephone number is 386-822-9695. Mr. Cain gave us the following websites to access some of the holdings of the LDS center: <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)>, <[www.familyhistoryarchive.byu.edu](http://www.familyhistoryarchive.byu.edu)> <[www.familysearchlabs.org](http://www.familysearchlabs.org)>. Many of the resources are available through the FHC “portal” in DeLand; some will have a \$ charge. The meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harriet Bolin, Acting Secretary

## The President’s Forum—Rosemary Sutton

Fall, 2010

Dear Members,

September has always been known as a time for learning and starting new projects, starting school, new books and supplies, and new clothes.

Perhaps you need to put together everything you learned this summer at home or away. “What? You didn’t learn anything new – why?” Indifference, lack of enthusiasm, lack of time? Probably all of the above, or part thereof.

What do we want to know that we haven’t fully researched? You may have the answers, but have you documented them properly? Don’t wait for a new year to write resolutions, but get a head start with new goals and juggling for time to set aside for personal genealogy.

Start your contest essay now of your most colorful, unforgettable or notorious ancestor. Remember – not more than 500 words and open to all – due by December 1st 2010.

Rosemary Sutton,  
President Roots and Branches

## Treasurer’s Report—Harriet Bolin

Balance as of 16 May 2010	\$4582.45
Receipts:	
Dues: D. Walters	15.00
Sub-total:	\$ 4597.45
Expenses	
May Speaker’s Fee	30.00
Balance on Hand as of June 20, 2010	4567.45

# The Record

The Record is the Official Paper  
Of Volusia County  
Also the Official Paper of the City  
of DeLand

Wm A. Cook, Editor and Proprietor

*The following is a compilation of August 29, September 10 & 24, 1889.*

The acting mayor of the city of DeLand has offered a reward for convicting evidence of carrying concealed weapons. Much of the shootings and all of the murderous assaults of the county would have been avoided had those who deserved chastisement, carried their weapons on the outside in plain sight.

## The Court House.

The files of the different county papers will show that over one year ago, when the contest for the county seat was agitating the citizens of Volusia County, that among the many inducements held out by the De Land people was a bond promising to erect, free of expense to the county the necessary public buildings. The opponents of De Land argued that the bond was of no legal value—was only a blind. In reply the bond was valid by leading lawyers; and great stress was also laid upon the moral obligation of the three wealthy and distinguished men whose names were attached to the bond. The verdict of the people was De Land. The matter of removing the county seat was brought into court hotly contested, carried to the court of last resort, and De Land pronounced the county seat of Volusia county. Then was in order the fulfillment of the bond. It was found to be of no legal value—could never be enforced at law. The county commissioners were threatened, beseeched, implored to make an appropriation; they were obdurate—fifteen thousand dollars would be enough for a court house for Volusia county. The legal obligation to build never existed; the moral obligation has got the walls up, and there the matter remains—a laughing stock to the opponents of DeLand, an

eyesore to her friends. By all means, let De Land finish the courthouse before two years have passed by, or lay down the job. It is the province of the grand jury and the district court to compel the county commissioners to erect the necessary buildings for county purposes.

The commission to induce the Indians at Rosebud agency to sign the treaty giving their lands witnessed a scene unprecedented in the history of the fierce and untamed Sioux. A young brave who had attended school took a copy of the treaty and read it to the Indians in their own tongue. These were twenty-five years ago among the worst of the wild Indians. It seemed as if civilization could make no heplway (SIC) among them. Yet, now many of them live quietly on farms, and can read and write. The younger more civilized Indians are in favor of signing the treaty. It is the wild, older one who are sullen and unmanageable.

## Mushrooms and Toadstools.

“One method of distinguishing the mushroom from the poisonous toadstool is said to be by sprinkling salt on the under side. If it turns black, the mushroom is good. If yellow, it is poisonous. Another excellent method is to cook and eat some of the mushrooms. If you don’t die, they’re good. If you do, you should refrain from eating them in future.”—St. Paul Pioneer Press

## A Bald Insult.

Mr. Baird—You have treated me with contempt, and our engagement is at an end. Permit me to wish you a very good evening.

Miss Crisp—Wait a minute. Lizette run up in my dressing case drawer and get that lock of Mr. Baird’s hair. He may need it for his next fiancé.—Judge.

## Criminal docket at the present term of court for the seventh judicial district:

M. V. Smith and R. R. Priest, larceny of animals,

H. N. Morris, assault with intent to murder.

B. Gadssen, maiming of animals.

Lee Clifton, trespass.

P. Stone and A. Wingate, larceny of animals.

A. D. Gater, assault with intent to kill.

J. Lynch and M. Lancaster, adultery

L. H. Eldridge, libel.

T. Martin and D.O. Rouke, adultery.

D. Douglas, assault with intent to murder.

T.N. Jenkins, concealed weapons.

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A. Chase, intercourse with an unmarried woman.

W. Rivers, attempt at arson.

W. Jackson, false swearing.

Clifton, Jr. and L. Clifton, larceny

S. Brown, assault with intent to murder

F. Davis, assault with intent to murder.

J. Perkins, assault with intent to murder.

W. Kelley, assault with intent to commit rape.

H. Smith, concealed weapons.

D. Livingston, larceny.

F. Hall, assault with intent to rob.

J. Wright, larceny.

F. Lewis, larceny.

H. Smith, larceny.

## Around the City.

Wm Jackson and Captain Sams were in town all last week.

Geo. Y. Banks, of Columbus, Georgia was here on business last week.

Wm. Minshue and James Sauls of Barberville, spent Thursday in this city.

Editor Frank Coan and E. S. Lake, of Lake Helen were register at the Putnam on Wednesday.

The crosswalk on the west side of — and New York avenue needs repairing.

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### *The Record Continued from page 4*

Have you seen Dr. Fisher's new buckboard?

H.A. Tanner is thinking of purchasing a few suckling colts, and will experiment by feeding them on condensed milk.

R. L. Butler, Jr. was in Jacksonville the first of last week to meet his sister who was returning from Alabama.

N. Merry, representing the grocery house of Austin, Nichols and Co., of New York called on our merchants on Thursday.

Jim Alexander left for New Smyrna on Friday. It is said there are other attractions for him other than politics in that section.

Frank Pope, of Jacksonville, was in attendance at court last week.

Will Rosemond had a tooth drawn on Friday, and he now carries it in his pocket to show to friends. The exhibit costs you nothing.

Col Robert Davis, of Palatka, was in this city on Wednesday. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Jesse, who has entered as a student in Stetson University.

W. H. Richardson, of Daytona, made this office a welcome call last week.

Miss Alice Hitchins arrived from Covington Ky. On Wednesday. She went to Orange City yesterday to take her position as teacher in the Methodist College.

Little Nena Miller, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. B. M. Miller, has captured the heart of every guest at the Putnam House by her cunning ways and bright conversation.

We spoke last week of S. H. Webb, being taken for \$1.30, and we have since learned that G. A. Dreka & Company and E. L. Spencer are in the same boat. All done by the same man.

Who is that fellow who continually toots on a horn somewhere in the neighborhood of this office.

Joe Perry, sheriff of St. Johns County, was in this city on Wednesday. He stands six feet six inches in his socks, and made the tall men around town look

up to him. He must be a terror to evil doers in St. Johns County,, towering as he does so far above the majority of people.

Rev. W. C. Hughes, who was accidentally injured by a stray pistol ball some time ago, is able to be out of the house. His accident is one to be very much regretted especially by the young people, as Mr. Hughes is a man easily approached and one that does not forget that he was once a boy. In him there is the power of doing much good, as he does not make religion a bug-a-boo of socialistic differences. He expects to go North soon, and we sincerely hope the trip will restore his health.

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### **The Cow Was a Steer.**

There was considerable fun in Court last week over the stealing and killing of a steer. The case was the State vs. Peter Stone and Asa Wingate. The indictment read, "larceny of a cow," and the testimony brought before the Court was that a cow had been stolen, killed and eaten by the accused. The hide was also produced in court.

Messrs. Price and Miller were for the defense, and while admitting that a beast had been stolen and killed by the accused, claimed that the indictment charged the offenders with stealing a cow, but in reality the animal stolen was a steer. This being proven, the jury could do nothing but say "not guilty, as charged in the indictment." In the statutes of the State heifer are classed under six heads—calf, cattle, bull, steer, ox—but should another such a case come up, it is not probable that the guilty parties will escape through a technicality. The probable cost of the case \$200, and the law failed to do its work.

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### **Sheriff Stephenson's Haul.**

Last week Sheriff Stevenson made up for some of the lost time of his predecessor and succeeded in capturing a number of culprits, and of whom is connected with three different robberies. It was the outcome of the Davis burglary mention of which was made in the Record last

week. The prisoners have all been inspected by Justice Dore and remanded to jail to await the action of the Grand Jury at the spring term of court.

Mac McCarty, alias Patrick O'Brien, is connected with the robbery of Davis store last week and also with the robbing of L. C. Beardsley's last spring. He is wanted too at St. Augustine on the 20th of last June, committed with the assistance of Amos Sams, who is in jail in that city. Fred Mack and Frank Bores were his accomplices when Beardsley's place of business was entered. George Mitchell is party to the robbery of Davis store. The prisoners have confessed their guilt. All are colored except McCarty. Sheriff Stephenson is a hustler of criminals.

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### **Still Living**

In 1886 Edward M. Andrews, of Florida, formerly of Connecticut, mysteriously disappeared, and it was thought he had been murdered by colored people. So strong was this belief an insurance company paid to his supposed widow the amount of his insurance policy, but lately it is claimed to have been discovered that he is still alive. He is said to have traveled in China and Japan since his supposed death, and to have settled in Portland, Ore. While in Florida Mr. Andrews established the second largest sawmill in the state but as a pecuniary venture it was not a success. —*Savannah News*

Mr. Andrews built the sawmill at Highland Park, constructing a tram road three mile to Beresford on which to transport machinery. The mill did not prove a financial success, and after Mr. A's disappearance was burned—no insurance. The property was sold to satisfy creditors. Mr. A was well liked in DeLand by all who made his acquaintance, and the report of his murder was never for a moment entertained by anyone in this vicinity. He refunds the \$20,000 paid him by the masonic fraternity. A policy of \$10,000 by a life insurance company was not paid. He was always considered a good upright business man, and his disappearance was described as mental aberration, induced by malaria and business trouble.

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## *The Record from Page 5*

During the past week Mrs. Drake, of the Waverly House, has put down a rock well 70 feet in depth.

John Alexander had a big bonfire from grass cuttings in his front yard one night recently.

Some interesting games of whist and six-handed enchre have been played lately at the Putnam House.

Will Fudger was out with his best girl on Thursday night trying out trying out Dr. Fisher's new buckboard.

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### **A Goose Story**

The other day, write a correspondent to the New York Sun from Reading, Pa., a party of young men of Brownsville, over the border line in Schuykill county, while on a lark, soaked some corn in a pint of whiskey they couldn't drink and scattered it among a flock of geese that had wandered from a farm house a short distance away. The geese greedily devoured the corn and then moved off again toward the farm house. An hour later the woman who owned them found them in the yard in a comatose state, and, believing them to have been killed by poison at the hand of some enemy, hastened to remove the feathers from them. After

## *Cover Story from page 1*

The only photo I have of my Gr Gr Grandfather Justus Richmond. His line is proved back to John Richmond (1627-1715) who married Abigail Rogers, granddaughter of Thomas Rogers of the Mayflower and Plymouth, Massachusetts. John's father, (John the immigrant) Richmond (1594-1663/64) was one of the purchasers of Tauton, Massachusetts in 1637.

Justus Richmond was born 27 May 1815 in Broome, Schoharie, New York. At the age of 24 he married Catherine Elizabeth Wandell, age 16. Justus was a lock tender on the Erie Canal, a farmer in Illinois and a Hotel Keeper and farmer in Iowa. Catherine bore him 14 children and died in Earlville, LaSalle, Illinois in

picking them bare, and deciding that they could not be used for food under the circumstances, she flung the naked carcasses down an embankment near by. During the night the luckless birds slept off their drunk, and next morning the farmer's wife was astonished and chagrined to see them all huddled in a nude and repentant condition. She set to work and made coats for them out of cheap flannel.

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### **Glenwood News**

Mrs. Posey and family have arrived safely at the home of Mr. Posey's father in Virginia. She writes that she is much improved in health.

Mrs. Harry Andrews is expected every day from her visit to Texas. She will board with her husband at Mrs. Shoemaker's.

James Stevens has traded his home in Glenwood to Wesley Sprout for the old house in Kansas. He has sold his place by Bethel, and expects to take his family and depart for Kansas the first of October. Joy and success go with him.

Homer Russel is recovering from his wounded foot that he shot.

Mr. Henry Wright is putting a new roof on his saw mill.

Judge Henry is clearing three acres for an orange grove.

1862, age 40. She is buried in the Carter Cemetery there. A few years ago I visited Earlville, nobody could say for sure where the cemetery, long abandoned, was located. A friendly librarian gave me the key to their Genealogy Room and I was able to find a listing and directions to the cemetery. I had to walk ½ mile from the nearest road and when I finally found the cemetery it was so overgrown that I could hardly walk through it and could not find Catherine's grave. Almost all of the stones had fallen over, many were damaged. Although I've tried, nobody in the town has been interested in helping restore the cemetery.

Several of the children also died in Earlville. After Catherine died Justus and the remaining children moved to Story County Iowa where, in 1870, Justus donated land for the Willow Creek school, one of the first "country schools," which

Mrs. Shoemaker has improved her house by giving it a coat of paint. Messrs. Wood and Smock did the work.

Wedding bells ringing in Illinois. The mother of G. H. Shoemaker, well known, was married to Rev. Samuel Haymaker in Illinois on the 5th of September. After being a widow for 33 years she has found some one of her choice. The bride is 71 and the groom is 75. May God bless them and may they spend many happy years together is the wish of all who know her.

Mr. Ben Cook and Mrs. O. A. Hatcher were the guests of Mrs. Eagle Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mann are looking for their son from Kansas daily.

Mrs. Bennett is expected soon with her son Harry. She is well known in Glenwood.

A coat of fire paint is being applied to the roof of Stetson Hall. Messrs. Wood & Smock are doing the work.

Chas. Delano, formerly state senator from Volusia, spent a half hour in social chat at the RECORD office last Thursday.

Rev. W. C. Hughes, to the heartfelt thankfulness of the entire population of DeLand, appears to be slowly but surely recovering.—*The County Record*

doubled as a church. Justus married again, had two more children then moved on to Nebraska for a short time before returning to Iowa where he died at his daughter's home in Marshalltown, IA on 12 Jan 1903. Justus is buried in the Eden Cemetery, Rhodes, Marshall, Iowa.

Justus Jr. was born in Earlville and died in State Center, Marshall, Iowa in 1880. The cemetery there was also in ruins but, after 12 years of work, both on the ground and by long distance, and with a lot of help, we have restored the "Price Pioneer Cemetery" and received an award from the State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries. It is much easier to pick up a scythe and a shovel and work on an old cemetery than it is to do it by email, telephone and long distance begging.—*Jerry Hale*

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The panel of judges for the contest are: Barbara Shephard, Co-Publisher and Editor of the DeLand Beacon; Kathleen Mann, Regional Librarian, DeLand Regional Library; Karen Richter, artist and professional educator, DeLand.

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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DeLand Regional Library

130 East Howry Avenue

DeLand, Florida 32721-0612

***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**) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_



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We're on the Web!

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flrbgs/index.htm>

We're also on the Web @

<http://www.flgenhisonline.com/counties/flaqvol/volusia/volusia.html>

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.

Library Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### **Is the Atlantic Coast Sinking?**

A report of the state geologist of New Jersey has called attention very generally to the sea coast line of that state. It is well known to the old inhabitants of the Jersey seaside resorts that the water in many places seems to be becoming deeper and deeper each year, and bathing more dangerous. It is true that in a few points the land has built out, and houses formerly on the water are now many yards inland, but these instances are exceptional.

At Asbury Park, at Atlantic City, at Cape May the encroachments of the sea are becoming alarming. At Long Branch and Atlantic City the board sidewalks are forced back yearly. Since 1804 the fertile red soil of Jersey has crumbled into the sea at Cape May at the rate of nineteen feet a year. At many places along the coast, where fertile fields were in the memory of this generation, are now only salt marshes. In some places stumps of trees have been found four feet under water, and on the farm of Captain Hildreth, a corduroy road was found two feet under the surface of the salt meadow.

Professor George H Cook, the state geologist, has examined the coast very carefully and concluded that a change is going on steadily, and that the sea is encroaching on the land. Lands which in the early settlement of the country were above tide level and were cultivated fields, are now below water. Finally, within a short geological period there has been a sinking of the New Jersey coast from ten to twenty feet. Is it good-by New Jersey?—*The Record, 1889*