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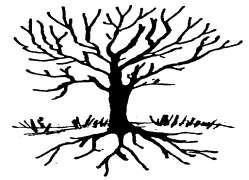
Celebrating 25 YEARS of Promoting Genealogical Research & Instruction

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Where Would We Be Without the World Wide Web?!

My Granny Told Me the Story of the Day the Yankee's Came Calling—Lucille Jinks Tomlinson



There are very few people left that remember knowing someone who lived during the Civil War of 1861-1864. I am one of those people. Let me tell you about my Granny, Ellen Bankston Jinks.

Seated in the porch swing beside me on a hot summer afternoon in 1946, was my Granny. My brothers Jesse, fifteen years old; Homer, thirteen years old; and Bobby, nine years old were seated on the porch floor or steps. We kids wanted Granny to tell us about the Yankees. She was about five years old when General Sherman made his "March to the Sea" in 1864.

Background on Granny whom we loved very much: her parents (my great grandparents) James Riley Bankston (1822-1898) and Elizabeth Ann Phillips (1824-1899) were born in South Carolina. They had settled on a farm just south of Locust Grove, Georgia in the late 1840's. In 1864, their family was all girls, Lovonia (1852), Ellen (1859), Leslie (1841) and Ann (1863).

One day in late July 1864, a rider came by shouting "The Yankees are coming!" Elizabeth took her four girls into the house to wait. They arrived from down the road but across the fields, with the horses stomping and destroying what crops were left.

See Raid on page 6.



The Four Sisters: Lovonia, Ellen (my grandmother), Ann and Leilia seventy-six years after Sherman's Raid.

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Roots and Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County

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rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flrbbs/index.htm

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<http://volusialibrary.org/branchinfo.htm1#DLN>

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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

October Roots & Branches Meeting Slated for 25th Anniversary Luncheon Celebration

Be a part of the festivities. We are celebrating the founding of the Roots & Branches Genealogical Society of Volusia County twenty-five years ago with a luncheon at the Grant Bly House on Sunday, October 16, 2011. Make your reservation with the form on page 7.

"Who Do you Think You Are?" Promotional Flyer

Please print the flyer on page 8 and hand it out to your friends to promote the Roots & Branches Genealogical Society.

Dream Vacation—One Week in Salt Lake City

For most of us, a week at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City

sounds like the dream genealogy vacation! Now planning its 22nd event, ANCESTOR SEEKERS has developed a unique program designed to maximize your chances of breaking down those brick walls and finding new information on your ancestors. Follow more information this link:

www.ancestorseekers.com/slert/event.php?id=24

FSGS Annual Conference

- November 11th and 12th
- Sheraton Orland North Hotel
- 600 Lake Destiny Drive – Maitland, Florida

Keynote Speaker: Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck is a nationally known, professional genealogist, educator, librarian, author and columnist.

For more information go to <http://flsgs.blogspot.com>.

New Requirements For Volunteers in the Gen Room

Susan Milstead, the Volunteer Coordinator for the DeLand Library, has placed copies of a new application form and a background check form in the Gen Room. All volunteers must complete these forms and submit to Susan with a copy of your driver's license before volunteering. You will be notified when the background check is complete, which takes about ten days. Susan can be reached at the library at 822-6430 ext. 104.

A Note From Esther Gould 5/17/2011

I am in Salt Lake City. Spent yesterday at the Gen. Library. Didn't find my man!!! Hope today and tomorrow are more successful. It is really hard on the eyes and back. BUSY PLACE Esther

Happy Fourth of July!!!!

Calendar—Howard Fisher

Sunday, September 18, 2011, 2:00 PM:

Jack Butler will present a program entitled "And Now...The Rest of the Story" – getting beyond the statistics in our ancestors lives using timelines, journals, diaries, newspapers, local histories and other non-typical records that take us beyond the usual birth, marriage and death dates and gives us a glimpse into the lives of our ancestors.



Jack Butler

Jack is a Researcher and Writer. President of the Florida Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists. President of the Florida State Genealogical Society. Contributor to various genealogical society quarterlies. Member of the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors, the National Genealogical Society, New England Historic Genealogical Society.

In addition to numerous local conferences and seminars, his genealogy education includes completion of the NGS American Genealogy: Home Study Course, Samford University's Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research Advanced Methodology and Evidence Analysis course, and the weeklong National Institute on Genealogical Research program at the National Archives. **Lesson 1:00 PM:** Timeline and Vertical Files.

Sunday, October 16 , 2:00 PM: October 2011 25th Anniversary Luncheon at the Grant Bly House and a presentation on the history of Roots and Branches. **No lesson.**

Sunday, November 20, 2011, 2:00 PM: Election of Officers (Program to be determined). **Lesson 1:00 PM:** Preserving Materials and Finding Troublemakers.

Sunday, December 18, 2011, 2:00 PM: Social and Installation of Officers for 2012-2013. **No lesson.**

**Welcome New Members and to Nita
Welcome Back!**

Lucile Tomberlin, Shanda R. Hebert, Charles and Jane Burr & Nita Pressley

The President's Forum—Rosemary Sutton

Summer, 2011

Dear Members,

To continue the saga of early research in Roots & Branches:

We have a complete collection of Census index books, the Mayflower Five Generations collection, Filby's Passenger and Immigration Lists and all of the "Great Migration" volumes that have been released to date.

In the Pennsylvania section there is a complete set of the "Pennsylvania Archives" with a guide to their use and in Pennsylvania and other state sections there are numerous county histories, lists of vital statistics and much much more.

Books were filed using the Dewey Decimal System - sort of.

0-100 Bibliographies and Indexes

200- Religion

325- Immigration

351 Pension Lists

369 Lineage Societies

929.1 Genealogy "How To"

So far, so good - all used to be in the front stack.

974 The Northeastern States - all states have numbers and sub-numbers. Our books, however, are not filed that way. Our shelves have "plates" with the name of the state on them. These should be used to locate books for each state.

The vertical files, located in the file cabinets behind the volunteer's desk and beside the front computer desk are a great source of material.

The IGI files (on micro-fiche) have not been updated since 1995 but are available to use in the one remaining micro-fiche reader located just outside the genealogy room.

The mechanical microfilm readers have been removed and now two automated readers are available and are located just outside the genealogy room.

We have acquired one online computer with connection to the internet. Ancestry Library Edition, Heritage Quest, Newsbank and other resources of use to researchers are available and a second, offline computer, is located at the back of the room. The offline computer is used for electronic files and genealogy CDs including the complete 1850 census on which was donated by Beverly Outlaw and her husband.

We have purchased a flatbed and an automatic sheet feed scanner which have allowed us to digitize the Brownell Collection, the obituary card file, two DeLand City Directories, which were lent to us by Duke University, the body of work of several local genealogists and other important documents.

We have come a long way in 25 years with many, many people to thank. My sincere thanks for those of you who have made the Genealogical Room the success it is.

Rosemary Sutton, President Roots & Branches



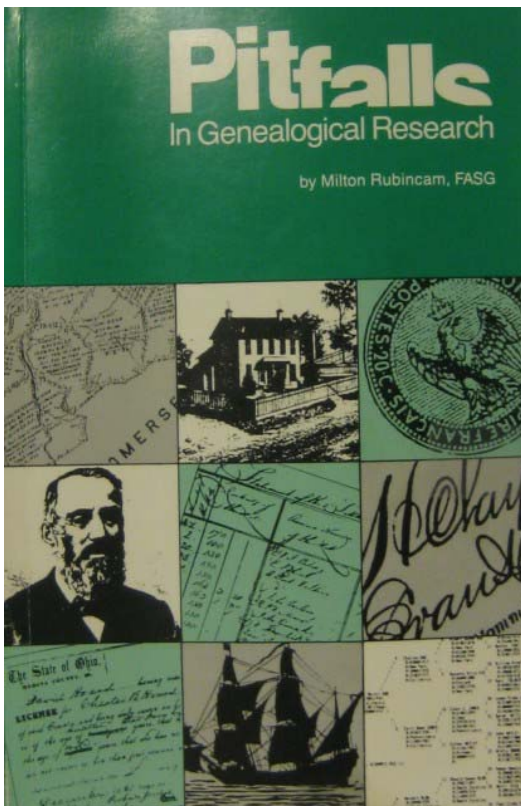


Sleuthing With Jerry—A Review: Pitfalls in Genealogical Research by Milton Rubincam, FASG



I was a lot happier before I read this small (74 pages) book. I was laboring under the false assumption that I was getting to be a pretty good genealogist. Mr. Rubincam quickly disabused me of that idea.

revealed. I was especially impressed by errors he points out in the venerable old book “The History of Ancient Windsor” which contains information I had expected to be correct on several of my family lines.



2 – Family Tradition. Generally not to be trusted although most of the stories have a modicum of fact involved the actual story is often wildly different than the tradition. He quotes the dean of American genealogists, Donald Lines Jacobus, saying “Tradition is a chronic deceiver, and those who put faith in it are self deceivers.” Although not to be dismissed these family stories are to be approached with a great deal of skepticism and the facts sought in original records.

4 – The 1752 Calendar Change. Enormous difficulties are caused by the change from the Julian (Old Style or O.S.) calendar to the Georgian (New Style or N.S.) Pope Gregory's decree of 1582 ordered implementation of the new calendar and established leap years which were to be only those years exactly divisible by 400. The problem is that Catholic countries adopted the new calendar very soon but Protestant countries, not wanting to be directed by the Pope, generally implemented the calendar at a much later date. Some countries adopted the new calendar as late as 1918 and 1923. Throughout history the names of the months were changed, some people (Quakers) used numbers instead of the names of the days and months and many people, George Washington included, “rectified” their birth date. George Washington, born 11 February, began celebrating his birth on February 22nd.

5 – More Confusion: Same Name, Same Place, Same Time. Mr. Rubincam sites what he calls “One of the neatest pieces of genealogical detective work that I have seen” when he talks about Mrs. John E. Barclay's article “Five Jonathan Dunhams Untangled,” in The American

Genealogist (TAG), 44:2218-23 October 1968.) The methods used by Mrs. Barclay are to be studied and emulated.

6- Interpretation of Terms. The common terms we use today, such as Uncle, Nephew, Cousin, Brother-in-Law, Gentleman, Mrs., yeoman, alias (German genant, French dit) etc. had special meanings in early times and in Europe. One must be aware of the ancient meanings so as not to be misled by those terms and jump to totally incorrect conclusions. Words such as crazy and occupations such as baxter, ale-drapeer, dexter, webster, and many more, must be understood if one is to correctly interpret old documents.

7 – The Problem of Surnames. Virtually nothing can be assumed about a surname. French sounding names found in England cannot be assumed to be Huguenot, English sounding names may, in fact, be German names that have been modified over the years (e.g. Backer now Becker or Baker.) I recently encountered a Dutchman named Mueller who had officially petitioned to have his name changed to Mills when his father disinherited him for becoming a Quaker.

8 — The Yearning for Royal Ancestry. Mr. Rubincam thoroughly roasts the MANY families who have made ridiculous claims of Royal, even divine, ancestry. There have probably been more false genealogies published to prove Royal ancestry than for any other purpose. He refers to a book published by Albert Welles in 1879 “proving” George Washington's ancestry back to the Norse god Odin! Another book claimed ancestry for the Cadwaladers of Philadelphia going back through many Welsh families to the Greco-Roman gods Jupiter and Saturn who were derived from “Adam, the son of God” all in a direct male line! Mr. Rubincam also lists many families who can legitimately claim Royal ancestry. The problem is PROOF, which takes a lot of time and research. Nothing previously published can be anything but a clue to guide your research.

9 — The Coat of Arms Craze. It is easy to obtain a coat of arms for one's family. Halberts of Bath Ohio or whatever name the

With a few examples of the mistakes made by some famous genealogists Mr. Rubincam demonstrates how easy it is to stumble and make a fool of oneself in a published family history.

The pitfalls Mr. Rubincam warns of are enumerated by the chapter titles:

1 – The Sanctity of the Printed Word. Mr. Rubincam quotes Dr. Jean Stephenson, a famous genealogist who began her lectures with the statement “I don't believe a thing I see in print.” He shows many instances of the printed word being completely false, even some items that were published after the truth of the family relationships has been

revealed. I was especially impressed by errors he points out in the venerable old book “The History of Ancient Windsor” which contains information I had expected to be correct on several of my family lines.

Please see “Pitfalls” on page 9

My Most Interesting Ancestor, My Aunt Oley—*Rosemary Sutton*

Viola Coles (1876-1960) is by far my most remarkable and interesting ancestor. She was my maternal great aunt, and we called her Aunt Oley. I was very fond of her because she played dress-up with the children and showed us how to make clover chains.

Today she would be referred to as “single”, but in that day we referred to her as an “old maid” a term used to characterize an unmarried woman over thirty. Therein lies a mystery. Among the family tins there were several pictures of Aunt Oley in a wedding dress. A large framed version was prominently displayed in her home that she shared with her brother. Had she married? If so, what had happened? Many stories were told including unrequited love, but unfortunately, there is no one left that can tell us the true story.

Back then women prided themselves in their homemaking skills, i.e., cooking and cleaning. Aunt Oley didn't seem to have acquired any of those skills. This seemed strange to us. She would attend family dinners and reunions, but I don't ever remember her bringing a covered dish, and she never helped with the clean-up after a meal. Instead, she would excuse herself to visit the out-house and not return until after the dishes were done and put away.

On one memorable occasion, my mother asked Aunt Oley to watch the

pressure cooker and turn down the heat if it jiggled too fast. She watched it jiggle, hiss and spit right up to the time it exploded soup, meat and vegetables on



Viola Coles aka Aunt Oley holding Baby Rosemary

the ceiling, walls and floor. My exasperated mother sent everyone out of the kitchen, including Aunt Oley, and spent several hours cleaning up the mess. Thereafter, Aunt Oley was banned from the kitchen.

Several years ago I was lucky enough to acquire one of Aunt Oley's scrapbooks from a cousin who discov-

ered it in his basement. There-in came an insight into her interests, which don't seem alien to the kitchen after all. She had collected newspaper articles that dated back to the 1900s. There were recipes for cookies, cakes and jelly; canning and cleaning hints; puzzles and poems; decades of temperatures; and an article in 1929 on “how to make a seedless watermelon.” There were home remedies for asthma, warts, ingrown toenails, dropsy and how to make elderberry wine. Did you ever hear of grape catsup? I have the recipe.

In the middle of the scrapbook is a list of family births including the day, month, year and place of several generations as far back as 1808, to my maternal great-great-grand parents.

Torn from an old spiral notebook are over sixty pages of complete birth, death and funeral information including flower girls and pall bearers. Listed are seven generations up to 1960. There are many addresses from the 1930s, including the often elusive maiden names of female relatives.

Priceless! We thought she was strange, but she was actually ahead of her time. Today she would have been considered creative and perhaps the family historian.—*Rosemary Sutton*

My Most Interesting Ancestor, My Great Grandfather Angelo Paladino—*Carol Izzo*

My great grandfather, Angelo Paladino, an illiterate farmer, came to this country from Italy in 1873.

In his first years, my grandfather worked as a laborer for the New York Central Railroad in New York City. He married my grandmother, Josephine Ottati in Manhattan, New York on November 19, 1879 with her parents in attendance. Along the way they had thirteen children. After a few years in this country, my great grandfather used the skills he had acquired from the old

country—he became a stone mason and eventually a contractor.

My great grandfather worked on several famous landmarks in New York City and Westchester County including the stonework on the Bronx River Parkway, the Kansico Dam and the New Croton Dam in Cortlandt, New York.

While he lived and labored at the New Croton Dam in the 1890s, he also ran a boarding house at the Dam for the Italian laborers, and was a padrone. (A padrone, or patron, was one who paid the passage



Paladino Avenue, New York City

for Italian laborers, guaranteed them a place to stay, work and a job, and in return they owed allegiance to the padrone).

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Raid *from page 1*

Elizabeth did all the cooking over the open fireplace. That day she had a pot of stew cooking. Having heard how the Yankees destroyed everything, she had hidden the cornbread under her dress.

When the Yankees arrived, Elizabeth sat at the fireplace with her four daughters and refused to move. The Yankees took the pot of stew, ate what they wanted, then poured the remainder outside on the ground.

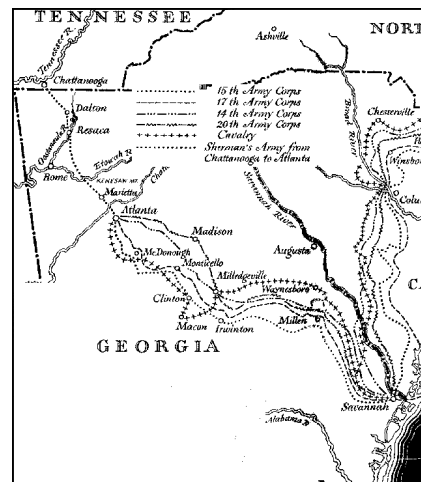
The soldiers then went on their rampage of the house, taking any of the belongings they wanted. Outside the house other soldiers killed the pigs, chickens

and the cow. All the food in the smokehouse that had been preserved or canned for the winter was destroyed. Then barn and smokehouse were set on fire.

The soldiers begged Elizabeth and her daughters to please leave the house so they could complete their job by burning their home. When they refused to leave, the Yankees took all of the furniture and clothing out and burned them. After the Yankees left, all they had was the clothes on their backs and the hidden cornbread to eat.

Granny said that besides the nightmare of seeing the Yankees destroying everything and being scared, she remembers her mother holding her and her sisters tightly and praying. After the soldiers were gone, Elizabeth's prayer

was of thanksgiving.—*Lucille Jinks Tomberlin/ Submitted to the R & B Most Interesting Ancestor Contest.*



[Sherman's March to the Sea](#)

Pitfalls *from page 4*

company goes by today, will create one for you upon demand. They call them "Family Name Coats of Arms" which is a completely made-up term. Coats of Arms were issued to certain individuals and only his direct descendants through the male line are entitled to them. Mr. Rubincam points out that, if an American family is entitled to a coat of arms it is likely to have been investigated and confirmed by the New England Historic

Genealogical Society at Boston.

10 — Fraudulent Pedigrees. The number of fraudulent pedigrees published by "famous" genealogists cannot be given but there are many. Possibly the earliest was the Donatio Constantine which was concocted by the monks of St. Denis, near Paris, shortly before the year 800.

11 — The Study of History. An example of the many problems that arise from our history is that the coastal area of Mississippi Territory was a part of British West Florida and later of Spanish West Florida until after the War of 1812. There are

many other instances where borders have moved, resulting in records residing someplace other than where the researcher anticipates, requiring the researcher to have a detailed knowledge of the history of the area he is researching.

This little book is full of references which will help educate a genealogist who wants to do a good job. It seems a little daunting and I wonder whether I will ever learn enough to do a creditable job? —

Jerry Hale

Paladino *from page 5*

Many padrone became wealthy from this practice. At this time the boarding houses crowded as many men as possible into a single house. These buildings were usually constructed of rough boards and furnished with tiers of bunks around three sides. A long eating table was centered

If it were not for the wide cracks between the boards there would have been no ventilation whatsoever. In October 1893, those Italians rioted and claimed they were charged extortionate rates for board and everything they needed.

From his humble beginnings my grandfather became prosperous and was a well known contractor in New York



City. Paladino Avenue, Manhattan, New York was named for our Paladino

family.—*Carol Izzo See photos on page 10.*

[Mulberry Street,](#)

along which New York City's Little Italy is centered. Lower East Side, circa 1900.

Friends in High Places—*Linda Williamson*

Have you been to the state archives of your ancestors—or are you like me—sitting in front of the computer doing much of your research online? I was thrilled to be going to the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) <http://www.archives.alabama.gov/ah.html>

at last! My husband is not an avid researcher, but he tolerates it pretty well and does all the driving. (What more could you ask?) It's about an seven and a half hour drive to Montgomery from where we live in Florida.

The “carrot” that lured him was a side trip to see our pine tree farm in Chipley, Florida. The acreage is part of the original homestead of his maternal great grandfather, Enoch Johns. We veered off I-10 long enough to take a quick look at the trees, then headed north to Montgomery, the Capital of Alabama. Just two more hours of driving plus a stop for dinner and we arrived at our destination. It was after dark but we found our way easily with our handy GPS. We stayed at a hotel a few blocks away.

We got an early start the next morning. We were delighted that the driver from the hotel offered to drop us at the front entrance. The ADAH is an impressive building. It looks like the White House. When Sam and I walked up the steps and through the front door, we were directed by a courteous volunteer down a wide hall to the Genealogy Room.

Outside the Gen Room is a spacious lobby where another volunteer registered us and gave us a rundown of the rules: no ink pens, no purses, no zipped cases and no children. Prohibited items must go into a locker. Copies are “do it yourself” 10 cents each (yea!), and pencils are 25 cents. The volunteer explained the resources available and where they

could be found—very nice, very helpful.

While we were registering, Sam looked up and discovered we were in Oclo S. Malone Lobby. Whoa! We know her...she is my high school bud and sorority sister from Mobile. Now that I think of it, at a sorority luncheon a couple of years ago, she mentioned that she had been surprised when the board of trustees dedicated a hall in her name for the work she had done. We had no idea that it was the ADAH! Sam took pictures, sent e-mails to mutual friends and we informed all that would listen that we know Oclo.

We headed for the book section (no sitting at a computer for me). Sam found a book on a Williamson family that migrated from Georgia and settled in Alabama. Our Williamsons had settled in Monroe County. I was excited—how many Williamsons could there be back then?! Well—unfortunately to date—I haven't been able to tie those Williamsons to our Williamsons, but I haven't given up.

We spent the day there, with a break for lunch at a landmark restaurant, Wintzel's, just like the one in Mobile. They're famous for their crab claws and their décor—small cards with clever sayings covering the walls. We were lucky to have the hotel driver pick us up and deliver us back to the ADAH, where we searched until closing.

We left Montgomery with a satisfied feeling, and headed to Monroeville, Alabama, where the Williamson family had lived. We found some old family graves and researched in the Gen Room of the small library. We didn't make any great discoveries—the Gen Room was very small. It was upstairs, and the lone librarian gave us the key to let ourselves in. No rules here! We were the only ones on the second floor. As we were leaving, I noticed there was a lot of action at the computers.

It was a great trip, but I have concluded that one day just wasn't enough at the ADAH. We'll be checking on the trees sooner or later—and Montgomery is just a couple more hours down the road.



Front Entrance to the Alabama Department of Archives in Montgomery, Alabama.



The Oclo Smith Malone Lobby at the ADAH. Hey, I've got friends in high places!

Plan a trip to the state archives of your ancestors; you never know what you'll find. Not everything is online! And while you're there be sure to look up. You never know whose name you might see over the doorway.—*Linda Williamson*



Roots and Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County

The Roots and Branches Genealogical Society cordially invites you to a luncheon in celebration of our 25th anniversary.

Please join us at the Grant Bly House, 842 East New York Avenue, DeLand, Florida on Sunday, October 16, 2011. Seating will be at 1:30 pm and serving will be at 2:00 pm. The cost will be \$20 per person for a choice of: Roast Beef or Chicken with each served with a salad, potato, green beans, bread/butter, coffee and iced tea. Dessert will be a 25th Anniversary Celebration Cake.

The deadline for reservations is September 15, 2011. Tickets may be purchased at our monthly meetings or you may mail this form with your check to:

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c/o The DeLand Regional Library
130 East Howry Avenue
DeLand, FL 32724

Seating is limited so please reserve early. Questions? Please call Howard Fisher at 386-785-9086. Circle your selection, clip on dotted line and return with your check. Your ticket(s) will be mailed to you.

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CHICKEN served with salad, potato, green beans, bread/butter, coffee and iced tea and dessert.

ROAST BEEF served with salad, potato, green beans, bread/butter, coffee and iced tea and dessert.

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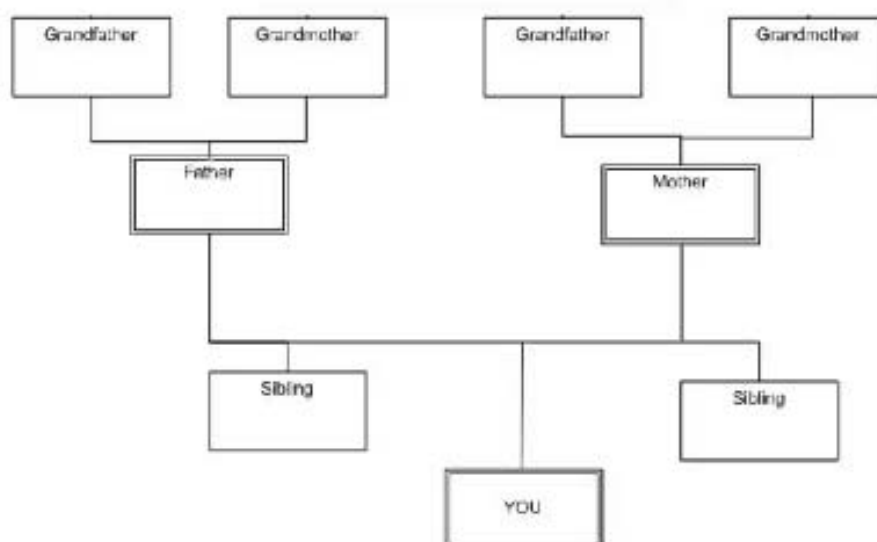
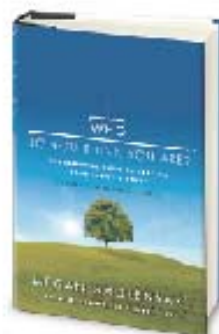
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Have you seen the show
and wondered who you are?

We Can Help You!



We Can Help You Find Who You Are!

Roots and Branches Genealogical Society of West Volusia County, serving DeLand, Deltona, Orange City, DeBary, Enterprise, Osteen, Pierson and Seville for 25 years, was formed in 1986 with the goal to help people research and exchange information on their family histories.

We meet the third Sunday of every month, except July and August, in the auditorium of the DeLand Regional Library, 130 E. Howry Avenue, DeLand at 2 o'clock. We also have a free lesson on genealogy starting at 1 o'clock. All are welcome to both the lesson and our meeting.

More information about our group is available in the 2nd floor Genealogy Room at the DeLand library.



We look forward to helping YOU!

Please visit our website at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>





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We're on the Web!

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flrbgs/index.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flrbgs/index.htm)

We're also on the Web @

[http://www.flgenhisonline.com/counties/flagvol/volusia/
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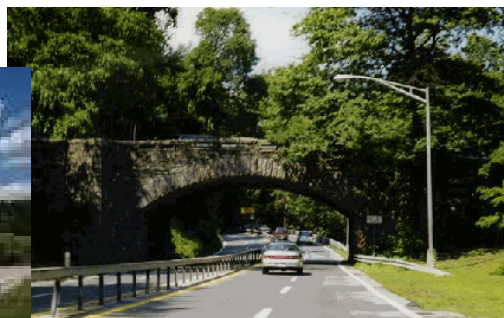
The purpose of this Society is to stimulate and promote interest in genealogical and historical research and provide instruction in the use of efficient mechanics and adherence to scientific principles of accuracy and thoroughness in research.

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.



Kansico Dam



Bronx River Parkway



New Croton Dam

Famous Landmarks in New York that Carol Izzo's Great Grandfather Help Build.