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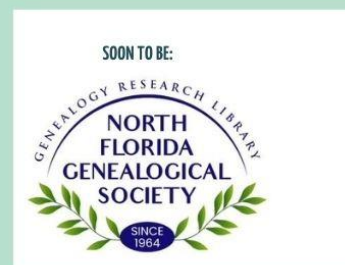
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Announcements

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe 4th of July! We had a very informative tour of the Jacksonville Public Library's Media Lab on the 4th floor of the downtown library. The Media Lab has really expanded since our last visit and we're thankful we had the opportunity to have an introduction to the various devices available to those who have an active Jacksonville Public Library card.

Volunteer Webmaster for the SGES Website needed

A SGES WEBMASTER IS NEEDED! ARE YOU INTERESTED?



SGES is searching for an enthusiastic volunteer to assume the role of webmaster for our website. This request follows the resignation of Barry Sweetman, who has graciously served in this role for the past six years. His resignation takes effect on August 5. We are immensely grateful for his contributions and commitment to maintaining our online presence. He has kindly offered to provide training to the new Webmaster to ensure a smooth transition. Additionally, he will be available to assist in emergencies, time permitting. He has praised the GoDaddy technical support staff for assistance as needed.

Requirements: Attention to detail -- Ability to work with SGES members to post submitted content such as program announcements and other relevant content -- Feel comfortable with computers and associated technology -- Willingness to learn the basics of html and other technical skills as needed -- Ability to dedicate a few hours per week to maintain the web site which can be accomplished from home. If desired, donor will support the funding of a technical class up to \$500.

If you are interested in this position, please contact us at sgesjax@att.net. We look forward to hearing from you and working together to continue providing online resources for our members.

Dr. Matthews History of Jacksonville Scholarship Winners

The winners of the scholarship recipients' membership to audit Dr. Matthews History of Jacksonville course at FSCJ are Valerie Bennett, Jim Vearil, and Rachel Lynne Wall. Congratulations!!

July 2024 Meeting Information

Date: Saturday, July 13, 2024

Time: 10:00 am to noon

Location: SGES Library, 6215 Sauterne Drive, 32210

Are you passionate about preserving your family's treasured heirlooms? Don't miss our special event where a young, knowledgeable couple will share their expertise on **how to best conserve your cherished family items**. Allan and Bailey establisher their conservation studio in 2023, **Studio Resurreccion** (6299 Powers Ave Ste 6 Jacksonville, FL 32217). They are a husband and wife who enjoy keeping history alive and would like to make a living from it.

Event Highlights:

- **One-on-One Interactive Sessions:** Bring a family heirloom and enjoy a personalized consultation to learn the best methods for conserving your specific item.
- **Expert Advice:** Learn practical tips and techniques for conserving your family heirloom whether it is photographs, letters, jewelry, artworks, ceramics, sculptures, or textiles.
- **Engaging Conversations:** Connect with fellow participants and exchange stories about your treasured items.

Please note: To ensure that everyone that brings an item can be seen, please email us at SGESjax@att.net if you plan on bringing something to have looked at. Additionally, our speakers are not antique appraisers, but they are skilled conservators who will provide valuable guidance on how to maintain and protect your family treasures.

This meeting is free and open to the public.

August 2024 Meeting Information

We will not have an August membership meeting, however, if you would like visit the SGES library on Saturday, August 10th, please let us know by emailing us at sgesjax@att.net and we can let you know if one of our volunteers will be available to open the library.

September 2024 Meeting Information

When: Saturday, Sept 14, 2024 from 10:00 am until 11:30 am

Where: Mandarin Public Library, 3330 Kori Rd, Jacksonville

Topic: A Courageous World War II Pilot Remembered with Honor

Speaker: William Harrell, a local resident, will screen a compelling documentary featuring the experiences of a World War II pilot. The finished video, "One Man's War", includes very personal remarks by the family and a Q&A Session with the filmmaker.

Cost: This is free and open to the public, but we do ask that you RSVP at sgesjax@att.net

New Additions to the Library by Georgia Pribanic

New Books:

- FH-1329: Russell's Kids: a genealogical journey into the family history of Russell and Pamela Price Collins by Nancy Blackwell
- FL-582: Seminole Club of Jacksonville, charter, rules, officers and members.
- FL-586: Chasing the wind; memories of a pioneer meteorologist George Winterling, 2018 (Amazon: The life and times of George Winterling who was instrumental in developing the techniques of weather forecasting and tv broadcasting that were unheard of prior to his pioneering efforts in the field of meteorology at Jacksonville)
- FL-587: Ponte Vedra Beach – How it got the name and the driving force behind the development of Jacksonville Beach, 1928-1934 by Patricia Sarah Stehlin Boykin.
- FL-588: Lost restaurants of Jacksonville by Dorothy K. Fletcher (2013)
- FL-589: Acres of Ashes; A story of the great Jacksonville, Florida fire, May 3, 1901.
- FL-590: Centennial of St. John's Parish, Jacksonville, Florida
- GB-145: Real Yellow pages, Jacksonville, Florida 2023
- HT-103: Organizing family history search: Efficient and effective ways to gather and protect your genealogical research
- MA-87: Cotton was king, a history of Lowell, Mass. by Arthur L. Eno, Jr 1976 This is a history from its native Indian beginnings through 2 centuries of the history of Chelmsford and 150 years of urban industrial to 1975. Includes ethnic history of Lowell.
- NewE-003: Founding of New England by James Truslow Adams c1921
- NJ-57: Historic site markers, Bergen County, , New Jersey by Sharon DeBart
- RB-058: Mr. Dunn Brown's officers in the 14tRB059h Conn infantry by Samuel Wheelock Fiske
- RB-059: volume 1 History of the Seventh Regiment New York 1806-1889 by Colonel Emmons Clark, v.1, 1890
- RB-059.1: History of the Seventh Regiment of New York, volume 2.
- RB-60 and RB61: – 2 bibles

June Highlights from the SGES Reference Desk
Here to serve you! Any questions?
 by Georgia Pribanic



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1. Found information on a deceased birth family for a local resident
2. Located information for a daughter on her father who died in 1983
3. Provided information on the Battle of Kings Mountain

Article Submitted by Members

Historical Newspapers in Genealogy Research – Essential

By Georgia Pribanic

I have been a fan of newspaper research dating from 1963 when I received a clipping detailing a visit my husband and his parents undertook to visit his grandmother. This ordinary, common event noted in a local paper would be a goldmine of facts for a genealogist as it names relationships, locations, and length of stay. They are a source that can often provide key information and perhaps unlock a mystery.

There are more and more newspapers being digitized and available online, sometimes free, sometimes through a paid subscription; sometimes only the index is available, other times the full text is available and even searchable.

One helpful site is **The Directory of U.S. Newspapers in American Libraries** which is a searchable index of newspapers published in the United States since 1690 and found at <https://www.loc.gov/collections/directory-of-us-newspapers-in-american-libraries/about-this-collection/>. This directory can help identify what titles exist for a specific place and time, and how to access them. It only identifies potential titles and where to find them

For international titles, try searching the [Wikipedia list of online newspaper archives](#). This is a **list of online newspaper archives** and some magazines and journals, including both free and [pay wall](#) blocked digital archives per their site.

Try searching **Google** or another browser and see what you discover. Searches such as historical newspapers Trenton new jersey might yield a paper that could be helpful.

[TheAncestorHunt.com/newspaper-research-links](#) has a large collection of newspaper links organized by state or country, then provides the direct link to the digitized newspaper under the various sources. Cindy's List (www.cyndislist.com) can provide information such as the following example:

Geo. P. Rowell & Co's American Newspaper Directory, 1869 FREE From the University of North Texas, Digital Library. Containing Accurate lists of all the newspapers and periodicals published in the United States and Territories, and the Dominion of Canada, and British Colonies of North America; together with a description of the towns and cities in which they are published.

The FamilySearch Wiki is always a helpful source for a myriad of topics including newspapers. See <https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Newspapers>.

If these sources don't yield the needed information, there are several subscription sites available. Their fees and availability of titles and years vary between the various sites. Before paying for a subscription site, be sure to look at the titles that they offer to ensure that they have the areas and dates you are interested in. Some of the subscription sites are [GenealogyBank.com](https://www.genealogybank.com), [NewspaperArchive.com](https://www.newspaperarchive.com) and [Newspapers.com](https://www.newspapers.com). Although bigger is often touted as the gold standard, having unique titles is a better option. Each site has its own priorities and methods for sourcing digitized pages with varying cultural, geographical and chronological strengths.

If you are interested in critical reviews of these subscription sites with comparison and contrasts included, the following are suggested:

1. <https://www.genealogyexplained.com/research/genealogybank-vs-newspapers-com/> by Marc McDermott. Updated April 2, 2024
2. <https://familytreemagazine.com/records/newspapers/historical-newspaper-websites-compared/> This review compares the 5 major newspaper websites for genealogy. They have added the titles, *Chronicling America* and *Fulton History*. A version of this article originally appeared in the March/April 2023 issue of *Family Tree Magazine*.
3. Family Search online has a list with summaries of each site, Best Historical Newspaper websites of 2024. <https://familytreemagazine.com/best-historical-newspapers-websites/> Adds additional sites such as

[Arcanum Newspapers](https://www.arcanum.com) which they note has more than 58 million pages from newspapers and other historic periodicals published in Eastern Europe. You can search for full text or even upload a photo and search for faces. You can try it for free or subscribe starting at about \$8.50 per month.

Local options for current titles with search options:

1. Jacksonville Public Library research A-Z list of databases [Florida Times Union](https://www.jpl.org/research)

Access full-text articles from 1996 to forward. Issues before 1996 can be found on microfilm or the Florida Times-Union vertical files located in Special Collections at the Main Library of Jacksonville Public Library. Available in person only.



2. Resident News <https://residentnews.net/> [ISSUE ARCHIVES](https://residentnews.net/issue-archives)

This local paper is geographically restricted to Riverside/Avondale/Ortega/Murray Hill and San Marco. You can search online from 2012 to current and the inaugural issue of 2007.



3. The Florida and Georgia Star are committed to providing you with the latest and most accurate news possible that affects the African American Community. That is how we became Northeast Florida's oldest African American – owned newspaper with the most news and the largest circulation. We now have a subsidiary, The Georgia Star (website.) <https://www.thefloridastar.com/archives/> Can search issues from April 2017 to current.

4. Jacksonville Free Press found at <https://jacksonvillefreepress.com/>

The Free Press of Jacksonville was first published as the Jacksonville Free Press in September 1986. A weekly publication, the Free Press is circulated in the tri-county area of Duval, Clay and St. Johns counties, St. Mary's, Brunswick and King's Bay, Georgia. Has a search box in the upper right corner. When I did a search for Hurst, Rodney, articles from 2024 back to 2015 were noted.

5. UNF Carpenter Library The Thomas G. Carpenter Library is free and open to the public with photo identification. For in-house use of their online subscription databases such as ONESEARCH. A great resource