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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & CLASSES

12/11: Immigration: Entering the Port of New York—Castle Garden and Ellis Island

## LIBRARY HOURS

Mon: 9am-8pm  
Tues: 9am-8pm  
Wed: 9am-8pm  
Thurs: 9am-8pm  
Fri: 9am-6pm  
Sat: 9am-6pm  
Sun: 1pm-6pm

### We will be closed:

December 24 for Christmas Eve

December 25 for Christmas Day

December 26 for City authorized Holiday

December 31 for Board approved closing

## Searching for Female Ancestors

Until recently, a woman did not retain her maiden name upon marrying. It was just not done.

Unless we have a relative to relate family tales, or perhaps have unquestionable documentation of birth or marriage of a female relative, we may be stuck researching our male lines. We may think we've hit the brick wall on great grandma and Aunt Sophie, but documentation is out there. There are two types of sources – (1) those created by women and (2) those created about women.

In brief, here are sources to hunt down those elusive females:

**Sources by women** may include letters, diaries and journals, family bibles, and legal petitions.

**Sources about women** may include published family histories (don't we all wish someone in our family did this), cemetery records and tombstone inscriptions, church records, censuses,



passenger arrival lists, city directories, voter lists and registrations, military records and pensions, orphan's and guardianship records, land, marriage, medical, and divorce records, wills and probate, court records, and school records.

Two examples of fortunate discovery are from a census record and a passenger manifest.

In the first example, we find Edith M. Hostek living with her husband, Charles W., 2 children, her father, and uncle in the 1930 New York census. According to the census, Edith's father's name is Patrick McEvoy. Therefore, her maiden name must be Edith McEvoy. Her uncle's name is Charles Brady. As Charles and

Patrick are most likely not brothers, it is reasonable to assume that Charles Brady is Patrick McEvoy's brother-in-law. If this assumption is correct, Edith's mother's maiden name is Brady.

In the second example, we will examine a 1909 passenger manifest for a ship arriving in the Port of New York. On this manifest, Feige Sommer and daughter Leie are joining her husband Salomon. According to the manifest, Feige reported her nearest relative in the country from which they left is her father, Naftali Schwarz.

Two excellent books in the Jacksonville Public Library Genealogy Collection to help you with your female ancestor search are:

***A Genealogist's guide to Discovering your Female Ancestors*** by Sharon DeBar-tolo Carmack

***The Hidden Half of the Family*** by Christina Kass-abian Schaefer

## New Resource Materials

**History of Middle New River Settlements (WV)** by David E. Johnston

**Chronicles of The Cape Fear River (NC)** by James Sprunt

**History of Fayette County, West Virginia** by J. T. Peters and H. B. Carden

**History of Watauga County, North Carolina** by John Preston Arthur

**History of Nashville, Tenn**

**History of Wake County, North Carolina** by Hope Summerell Chamberlain

**Founders and Builders of Greensboro (N.C.)** by Bettie D. Caldwell

**History of New Hanover County (N.C.)** by Alfred Moore Waddell

**Historical Raleigh**

By Moses N. Amis

**Winchester, Virginia and its Beginnings 1743 – 1814** by Katherine Glass Greene

**Sketches of Pitt County (N.C.)** by Henry T. King

**Lynchburg and its People** by W. Asbury Christian

**History of Old Alexandria, Virginia** by Mary G. Powell

**Myers' History of West Virginia, Volume I**

**Myers' History of West Virginia, Volume II**

**Annals of Henrico Parish, Diocese of Virginia** by Lewis W. Burton

**History of Highland County, Virginia** by Oren F. Morton

**History of Elizabethtown, Kentucky** by Samuel Haycraft

**Centennial History of Alleghany County, Virginia** by Oren F.

Morton

**History of Rockingham County, Virginia** by John W. Wayland

**Annals of Haywood County, North Carolina** by W. C. Allen

**Here I will Dwell: The Story of Caldwell County (N.C.)**

**Richmond: Her Past and Present** by W. Asbury Christian

**Historic Fredericksburg** by John T. Goolrick

**Life along Holman's Creek (Va.)** by J. Floyd Wine

**History of Fairfield County, South Carolina** by Fitz Hugh McMaster

**History of Henderson County, Kentucky** by Edmund L. Starling

**Asheville and Buncombe County** by F. A. Sondley

**The German Element of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia** by John Walter Wayland

**Russell County in Retrospect (AL)** by Anne Kendrick Walker

**Lives and Heritage of Mississippi Brothers Andrew Egger and William Bond Kolb**, Compiled by Avery E. Kolb

**Autobiography of Edwin Hansford Rennolds, 1839 – 1912**

**Historical and Descriptive Sketches of Norfolk and Vicinity (Va)** by William S. Forrest

**Jamestown Churches**

**Annals of Henrico Parrish, Diocese of Virginia (microfiche)**

**Johnson County, Kentucky** by Mitchel Hall

**History of Benton, Washington, Carroll, Madison, Crawford, Franklin, and Sebastian Counties, Arkansas**

**Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia** by Lucullus Virgil McWhorter

## Spotlight on the Collection: State Censuses

State censuses have been taken at one time or another by most of the 50 states. Unlike the federal census, which has been taken once every ten years since 1790 to apportion Congressional representation, state censuses were taken randomly and their purposes varied according to the needs of the state.

Because they were taken during the years between federal censuses, state censuses are a valuable genealogical

resource because they help to fill in gaps between the federal decennial census.

We have a growing collection of state censuses on microfilm for the following Southeastern states: Florida, Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina.

We have censuses for the entire state of Florida for 1885, 1935, 1945. The 1885 census is indexed and we are currently working to index the 1945 census for Duval County.

A complete listing of our state census holding is available on our website:

<http://jpl.coj.net/collection/genealogy/statecensus.html>



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