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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & CLASSES

4/21: Genealogy for Beginners

5/12: Seminar - "Genealogy Research in the 20th Century"

## 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:

4/8 for Easter

4/26 for Staff Development Day

## Newsletters and Periodicals

As family researchers, we have developed expertise in scouring the more common sources such as census records, immigration, and vital records. But sometimes we run out of ideas for where to turn for the next clue. Those who belong to genealogy or historical societies receive a subscription to their society's newsletter and understand how significant this type of publication is, how much previously unpublished or undiscovered material is within. Beyond the society newsletter is a wealth of professional and popular journals, family name newsletters, and regional newsletters just bursting with information.

Professional publications such as *Prologue* from the National Archives are available to us. The granddaddy of professional publications is *The American Genealogist*. Founded in 1922 by Donald Lines Jacobus, as the *New Haven Genealogical Magazine*, by 1932 this scholarly publication became a journal "dedicated to the elevation of genealogical scholarship, through carefully documented analyses of genealogical problems and through short compiled genealogies." *Family Tree Magazine*, one of the newer publications in the field, is intended for the general genealogy community, and addresses pertinent top-

ics in a fast and fun format.

National, lineage, and state societies publish important journals. The National Ge-



nealogical Society publishes two journals: the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* and the *NGS News Magazine*, also a quarterly publication. The *Quarterly* is the more scholarly of the two publications, along the lines of *The American Genealogist*, while the *NGS News Magazine* is written in a more popular style. *American Spirit*, formerly *Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine*, formerly *American Monthly Magazine* began in 1892, as a publication of the National Society of the Daughters of the Revolution. Two major state historical society publications are the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* and *The Florida Genealogist*, while *New England Ancestors* is a major publication of the regional New England Historic Genealogical Society. Our local

genealogy societies, the Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society and the Jacksonville Genealogy Society both publish noteworthy newsletters and quarterlies.

Surname society newsletters are intended for the descendants of a particular founding couple. These newsletters are genuine treasure troves of past and current information, and genealogical discoveries. Family gatherings, accomplishments, births, deaths, and other news of members of this particular lineage is reported. The Pilgrim John Howland Society was founded in 1897. This society publishes *The Howland Quarterly*. Another longstanding family society publishes the *Parke Society Newsletter*. They declare their society to be a "clearinghouse for research on all Park/e/s immigrants from the British Isles."

These publications, from national to local to very focused, have not only proved to be important sources of family information, but great learning tools as well. That one clue, that one family connection we've been hunting for, to connect generations or relationships, may very well be found within, as well as providing an opportunity to learn the latest information in the field of genealogy.

## New Resources

Last month, we received a sizable donation of French Canadian genealogical materials. The donation consisted of 109 books of 17th—20th century records. A majority of these books are Quebec. You can request a complete list of these new materials via email. Contact Laura Minor at [lminor@coj.net](mailto:lminor@coj.net).

In addition to the French Canadian resources mentioned above, we also received the following new books:

***The Two Cemeteries at Melbourne, FL (2 volumes + Supplement Thru 31 Dec 1995)***

***Index to Virginia Estates, 1800 – 1865***

***Guide to Cartographic Records in the National Archives***

***Higgs Family: Maryland to Missouri***

***Haralson County, Georgia Marriage Records, 1856 – 1940***

***Tattnall County, Georgia Loose Papers, 1801 – 1845***

***Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia v. 12***

***Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia Finding List***

***French, German, and Swiss Links in Pennsylvania***

***Tyson of Muhlenberg County, Kentucky***

## Seminar: Research in the 20th Century

On Saturday, May 12, Jacksonville Public Library and Jacksonville Genealogical Society will present an all-day seminar. C. Ann Staley, CG, will present four lectures on genealogical research in the 20th century.

The following lectures are scheduled:

**10:30-11:30:** *Hatched, Matched and Dispatched: Vital Record Research in the 20th Century*

**11:45-12:45:** *City Directories: A Line-by-line Account of our Ancestors*

**2:00-3:00:** *Compiled Resources for the 20th Century*

**3:15-4:15:** *“Shore to Shore” - 20th Century Immigration Research*

You are welcome to attend one, all or any combination of these classes. All classes will be held in Multipurpose Room 3 on the Conference Level of the

Main Library at 303 N. Laura Street.

If you plan to stay for the entire day, several of the nearby restaurants are open on Saturdays. You can also bring a bagged lunch to eat in the library courtyard or Heming Park. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

For more information about this seminar, please visit our website at <http://jpl.coj.net> or call 630-2409.

## Spotlight on the Collection: Surname Files

Perhaps one of the least known resources we have in our Genealogy Department is our vertical file collection of family surnames. What is this hidden treasure? It's all sorts of odds and ends information: bible records, family tree charts, newspaper clippings, loose pamphlet pages, and other bits of ephemera. Some of this information may have once come from a published source, some may have been donated by a descendant of a woman applying for membership in the DAR, some may be a loose piece of paper found among other donated items, and some may be from the files and correspondence of a dedicated genealogist.

We've organized this for you by surname; each individual surname to a sin-

gle folder. For example, any information we have for the name Walker is placed in the Walker file. This doesn't necessarily mean that every bit of information in that file belongs to the same family. These loose papers may be very different Walker families, and yet again, some connection may be discovered.

It's easy to find out just what family surname files we have. We've listed these names on our website. To see the list of these names, go to our homepage: <http://jpl.coj.net> and on the right side of the screen under **Information Resources** click on **Special Collections**. At the top of the screen, click on **Genealogy Collection**. Click on either the image of the tree or the words **Genealogy Collection** in blue, at the top of the screen. On the left

of the screen, under **Resources**, will be **Surname Files**. Click on that to see every name we have in our collection, in the comfort of your own home. Or, just call us up at 630-2409.

Please consider donating your research for our family name files. Genealogists from all over the country come through Jacksonville. The fun of genealogy is making that family connection when it's least expected.



Start Here. Go Anywhere.