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UPCOMING PROGRAMS & CLASSES

5/5: Ancestry LE

5/12: Researching in the 20th Century: A Genealogy Seminar

5/19: Genealogy Searching with JPL

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:

Sunday, 5/13 for Mother's Day

Sunday, 5/27 for Board authorized closing

Monday, 5/28 for Memorial Day

New at JPL: ProQuest Genealogy Suite

We're happy to announce the arrival of several new databases. Jacksonville Public Library now offers access to the **ProQuest Genealogy Suite**. The suite includes: Ancestry Library Edition, HeritageQuest Online, ProQuest Obituaries and ProQuest Historical Newspapers.

At long last, you can now search **HeritageQuest Online** from home or in the library. Search the Federal Census from 1790 to 1930. In addition to the census, you can search digitized books on people and places described in over 20,000 family and local histories. Searching and locating an article in the many genealogical and historical journals is easily accomplished using PERSI, an index to the journals. The Freedman's Bank Records are available. This is the database of 55 volumes of signatures and personal identification data in 29 branch offices of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, 1865-74. And HeritageQuest Online includes select records from Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land-Warrant Application Files.

The resources in HeritageQuest Online are an excellent complement to a ProQuest database we already have, **Ancestry Library**

Edition. Key collections included in Ancestry are the Immigration Collection (New York Passenger Lists, San Francisco Passenger Lists, and New York Petitions for Naturalization); the U.S. Data Collection (U.S. Birth, Marriage and Death Collection,



WWI Draft Registration Cards, and Social Security Death Index); the U.S. Census Collection and the UK and Ireland Collection.

Another recent addition is a **ProQuest Historic Newspapers** database – the Atlanta Constitution. This database offers full text and full image articles from 1868 to 1929.

ProQuest Obituaries is a full image database offering more than 10.5 million obituaries and death notices from the archives of *Atlanta Constitution* (1869-1929), *Boston Globe* (1872-1923), *Chicago Defender* (1909-1975), *Chicago Tribune* (from 1849), *Los Ange-*

les Times (from 1881), *The New York Times* (from 1851), and *Washington Post* (from 1877).

While the primary focus of ProQuest Obituaries is historic obituaries, recent obituaries can be found in **America's Obituaries & Death Notices**. With over 850 newspapers, America's Obituaries & Death Notices is the largest and most comprehensive collection of newspaper obituaries and death notices from around the United States.

In addition to **History Center: U.S.**, we now have **History Center: World**. This database combines encyclopedic reference with primary documents, full-text periodicals, and 4,000 maps and images from antiquity to the present, a research tool that a thorough genealogist recognizes as invaluable for tracing a family's migration over time.

To access these databases, go to the library's homepage at <http://jpl.coj.net>. Click on "Research Databases." From this page, you can access all of the many databases provided by Jacksonville Public Library. Many of these databases can be accessed remotely from your home computer when a valid library card number is entered.

Upcoming Classes

May 5:

Ancestry Library Edition: How to Use a Powerful Genealogy Source

A tutorial of the basics of navigating this comprehensive genealogy database provided by the Jacksonville Public Library. Seating is limited so please call 630-2409 to pre-register. The class will be held from 10:00-12:00 in the Electronic Classroom of the Main Library.

May 12:

On Saturday, May 12th, Jacksonville Public Library and the Jacksonville Genealogical Society will host an all-day seminar featuring guest speaker, certified genealogist, C. Ann Staley. She will present four workshops in Multipurpose Room 3 on the Conference Level of the Main Library. The seminar schedule is:

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

The 20th Century poses its own particu-

lar problems on the researcher today. With the onslaught of "privacy issues" how is the family researcher going to be able to further their knowledge of their families? This presentation examines the various records available to the researcher searching 20th century vital statistics and how to locate and use them.

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

During the 20th Century many different types of "directories" were published that will help the researcher today solve their family history brick walls. This presentation examines the various types of directories available to the researcher searching the 20th century time frame and how to locate and use them.

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

Many records are available for the 20th century researcher-online and off-line; we just have to locate them. This

presentation will take a look at a variety of these sources, what they contain and where they can be acquired.

3:15-4:15 "Shore to Shore" - 20th Century Immigration Research

Between 1607 and 1980 approximately 50 million immigrants arrived, with the peak year being 1907 when approximately 1,285,000 people arrived. This presentation will help you to find your ancestor among those millions.

May 19:

Genealogy Searching with JPL

The Jacksonville Public Library genealogy librarians have selected recommended websites for genealogy research. In this class, we will cover how to take advantage of this valuable wealth of resources and how to find the right "tool" to make it easier to manage your genealogy searches. Seating is limited so please call 630-2409 to pre-register. The class will be held from 2:00-4:00 in the Electronic Classroom of the Main Library.

Spotlight on the Collection: Confederate Soldiers & Sailors Home

The construction of an important institution in Jacksonville began in 1888, on ten acres of the Whitney homestead, to care for aging Confederate veterans. Four years later, the Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Home opened in April of 1893. With the passing of Chapter 4250 of the Florida Laws of 1893, "An Act to Aid in the Maintenance and Support of a Home for Disabled and Indigent Ex-Confederate Soldiers and Sailors," the state was authorized to pay the Home \$100.00 annually for each inmate (excluding those already receiving a Florida pension), not to exceed \$2,500.00 per year. The Home operated for the next forty five years, surviving on an increased state appropriation and donations from veterans' organizations and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

In the Florida and Genealogy Collec-

tions of the Jacksonville Public Library is the collection of records pertaining to the home. These records are available in a three-volume print series and on microfilm. The actual original documents are also available for careful examination with permission of the library's Florida Collection.

Volume 1 of the print version includes photocopies of the original documents: Organization of the Home; annual reports; bank books; paid receipts; applications for employment; correspondence; and applications for admission. Volume 2 includes address before the Florida State Legislature on behalf of the Home; state pension laws; pension application letters; newspaper articles; correspondence; United Confederate Veteran Camps – State of Florida; and Confederate reunion reports. Volume 3 includes United Confederate Veterans – Headquarters, general orders

and circular letters; general orders – Florida Division; special orders; correspondence concerning monuments, memorials and flags; correspondence pertaining to reunions and "women of the Confederacy", and publications.

This collection reflects the dedicated work of Francis P. Fleming, 1841-1908; his involvement as Division Commander of the United Confederate Veterans and the State Board of Pensions, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and Sons of Confederate Veterans.



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