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Jacksonville Public Library Genealogy Newsletter

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Events

January 12

The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society, Inc. will have an outing this month to the Museum of Southern History. The date is Saturday, January 12th at 10:00 a.m. The Museum of Southern History is located at 4304 Herschel Street, Jacksonville, FL. The regular meeting is held followed by a guided tour of the facilities. Take a step back in time in Jacksonville's only Museum and Library dedicated to Southern history. The exhibits range from War Between the States to the home life of our Southern ancestors. They proudly display flags, weapons, medical and civilian items from the 1860's. If you need more information, call 778-1000 (SGES staffed by volunteers) or 333-5222.

January 19

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society will hold their regular monthly meeting on January 19th at 1:30 p.m. at the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, FL. They are very pleased to have as their speaker, Dr. Carolyn Williams, Professor of History at the University of North Florida. She will discuss African-American History and Genealogy; From Slavery to Freedom; African-American Migration from Fort George Island to Jacksonville, 1870-1910. For additional information, please contact Mary Chauncey at 781-9300.

February 2

Genealogy 101: Genealogy for Beginners

Are you interested in researching your family history but don't know where to begin? This Genealogy 101 class is geared toward those interested in beginning genealogy research. It provides a basic foundation for understanding the genealogy process and the resources involved in tracing ancestral heritage. The class will be held on February 2nd from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the Electronic Classroom of the Main Library, 303 N. Laura Street. Seating is limited. Please call 630-2409 to register.

February 16

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society will hold their Spring Seminar on February 16th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Westside Christian Church, 10123 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville, FL. Cost is \$30.00 for JGS members and \$35.00 for non-members. Price includes lunch, with early registration. Registration at the church will begin at 8:30 a.m. Our guest lecturer and genealogy researcher is Ann Osisek. Her topics will be Calico & Cornbread, Finding Your Female Ancestor, Dead Men (And Women) Do Talk, Effective Cemetery Research, Where Have All the Cousins Gone, Connecting on the Internet, and 24/7: Making Time For Research. For additional information, please contact Mary Chauncey at (904) 781-9300.

February 23

Recommended Websites for Genealogy Research

Would you like to learn more about genealogy resources available on the Internet? On Saturday, February 23rd from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., genealogy librarian David White will share some of the recommended websites selected by Jacksonville Public Library's genealogy staff. The class will be held in the Electronic Classroom of the Main Library, 303 N. Laura Street. Ability to use the Internet is strongly recommended. Seating is limited. Please call 630-2409 to register.

March 18

Have you ever thought about writing your family history for other family members? If so, a workshop sponsored by SGES, Inc on March 8th, is for you and registration is now! "Bring Your Ancestors to Life" is an all day writing session teaching you to turn census, raw data and cold facts into compelling stories to share with others. No experience necessary. Speaker/presenter Patricia Charpentier is from Orlando, FL. Please call 778-1000 to register or for more information. Cost is \$35.00 which includes lunch. Sign in at 8:30 a.m; Workshop begins at 9:00 a.m. and continues through 4:00 p.m. Location of workshop: Riverside Presbyterian Church, 849 Park Street, Jacksonville, FL. Registration is limited so sign up now.

New Materials

German-American names- George F. Jones

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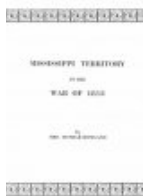


German-American Names is another valuable genealogical resource for Special Collections. Not just a dictionary of names, this resource explores the origin and significance of German-American names. The text is divided into five chapters followed by an alphabetical index list of names. Chapter One deals with “given” names and their origin. Chapter Two addresses “surnames” and their meaning. Chapter Three discusses “Christian” names. Chapter Four explores the “Americanization of German names”, and Chapter Five pertains to using the “Name-lists.” In addition, along side each name in the index is a number. This number references the paragraph where information regarding the name may be found. In short, this resource definitely merits review when tracing American Germanic names.

Tennessee Records : Tombstone Inscriptions and Manuscripts- Acklen, Jeannette Tillotson
Publisher: Genealogical Pub Co
Pub Date: 01/01/1992 [Check library catalog](#)
ISBN: 0806300019

Tennessee Record Tombstone Inscriptions and Manuscripts is a compilation resource. It contains extracts from “Old City Cemetery” in Nashville, TN. It seeks to document the lives and deaths of everyday people in Tennessee’s history whose contributions were not one of wealth and notoriety, but of character and hard work. The data is taken from bibles, tombstones, diaries, letters, manuscripts, county records, and other sources. It contains an alphabetical index by surname. Entries provide information, such as birth date, death date, age, and in some cases additional information, such as parent name, spouse name, and sibling names. For Tennessee tombstone inscriptions, it is a resource to explore.

Mississippi Territory in the War of 1812- Rowland, Eron Opha
Publisher: Genealogical Pub Co
Pub Date: 01/01/1999 [Check library catalog](#)
ISBN: 0806303018



Compiled from primary sources and transcriptions, *Mississippi Territory in the War of 1812* is an account of the part played by the Mississippi Territory in the campaign against the British and the Creek Nation in the War of 1812. Included is the "Rolls of Mississippi Commands in the War of 1812," a 76-page section that gives the names and ranks of nearly 7500 soldiers and officers.

Union and Confederate soldiers and sympathizers of Barbour County, West Virginia- by John W. Shaffer
Publisher: Clearfield Co.
Pub Date: 02/28/2005 [Check library catalog](#)
ISBN: 0806352647

Union and Confederate Soldiers and Sympathizers of Barbour County, West Virginia lists, in

alphabetical order, 718 Union and 528 Confederate soldiers and sympathizers from Barbour County. Each entry includes military unit (for soldiers), dates of service, duties, date of birth, names of parents, postwar occupation and date of death.

Spotlight on the Collection: Family Tree Magazine

Adding to the rich special collections resources held by the Jacksonville Public Library (JPL) are its genealogy periodicals. These serials provide historical and current information regarding research and the latest developments in the field of genealogy. For a list of genealogical magazines/journals subscribed to by JPL, please see the magazine subscription page at <http://jpl.coj.net/coll/gen/periodicals.html> located via the Genealogy “Spotlight on the Collection” web page at <http://jpl.coj.net/coll/highlights.html>.

In addition to the current genealogy subscription, JPL also provides access to a variety of non-subscription genealogy publications such as, societal newsletters, associational bulletins, and publications produced by various groups.

This month we would like to highlight the genealogical publication, *Family Tree Magazine*. The January 2008 issue of the magazine features “Ladies First”. This article presents eight research strategies and nine key resources that may be utilized in tracing your female ancestors. It lists a variety of record types that may help to unlock your female ancestry lineage. In addition, this issue includes the article “Software Test Kitchen” which reviews and rates four popular genealogy software programs. They are rated in categories, such as ease of use, intuitiveness & learning curve, product documentation, charts & reports, and special features as well as other aspects of performance.

Other articles contained in this issue include:

- “That’s Entertainment!” This article explores six steps to use in locating performers in your ancestry. Who knows – you could discover that you are related to Greta Garbo, Paul Robeson, or Gene Kelly.
- “Now What?” In this piece, experts respond to questions regarding riverboat records and shared genes with cousins. If you run into a brick wall regarding the location of riverboat records, this Question and Answer (Q&A) column may be useful. Also if you ever wondered what percentage of genes you share with your first, second and/or third cousins, this section you will find interesting.
- “State Research Guides.” This section comprises information on researching records in a particular state. In this issue, the states of Alabama and Nevada are spotlighted. The article presents a nice historical overview of the state, its population & development, as well as key facts. The author expounds on several resources, such as websites for vital records, genealogical databases such as HeritageQuest Online, and organizations such as the Family History Library (FHL) in Utah and state archives for war and other record types.

These are just a few of the interesting treasures accented in the *Family Tree Magazine*.

In short, journals, magazines, and newspapers are an important tool that genealogists have at their disposal. These resources add to the librarians, genealogists, and individual's treasure-trove of genealogy riches.

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