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### Events

#### March 8

The SGES annual seminar is on March 8th. "Bringing Your Ancestors to Life" is a day-long workshop designed to help genealogists and others to write a family history. The workshop focuses on several different approaches to writing a family narrative including documenting the journey, character sketches, and using "faction" to bring ancestors to life. The goal of the workshop is to give participants options to transform volumes of research into readable narratives. No previous writing experience is necessary. The seminar/workshop is presented by Patricia Charpentier of Orlando, Florida. Mrs. Charpentier holds an M.A. in Creative Writing from the University of Central Florida and a B.A. in journalism from Louisiana State University. She has worked as a memoirist, writing coach, editor, instructor, journalist and photographer. The fee is \$35.00. Seminar location: Riverside Presbyterian Church, Bittinger Hall, 849 Park Street, Jacksonville. Registration 8:30 Seminar 9:00-4:00 Call today to register at (904)778-1000 or (904) 333-5222. Seating is limited.

#### March 15

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society will hold their regular monthly meeting, March 15, 2008, at 1:30 p.m., at the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, Florida. We are very pleased to have as our 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.

## New Materials

Italians to America : lists of passengers arriving at U.S. ports, 1880-1899- edited by Ira A. Glazier and P. William Filby

Publisher: Scholarly Resources

Pub Date: 06/30/2006

ISBN: 0842024654

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*Italians to America* is a serial set for researching Italian immigration to America between 1880 and 1915. It provides a historical account of the causes of Italian migration, origins & destinations of migrants, and migration & return migration. The latest volumes (#21 and #22) of *Italians to America* cover passengers arriving from Italy to the United States from November 1902 through April 1903. The passenger data contained includes the following: age, sex, occupation, nationality, residence, and destination.

To locate a particular individual there is an alphabetical Name index in the back of both volumes. Beside each name, there is a number that corresponds with a page where information about a particular individual may be found. After the list of destination code section, information also is arranged chronologically by date of arrival. At the beginning of each section, are: (1) the name of the ship, (2) the place from where the immigrant departed, (3) location of arrival, and (4) the exact date of arrival. Also to note, some of the information in the text is in abbreviated format. The abbreviations pertain to (1) occupation, (2) village, and (3) destination of each passenger listed.

In short, this is an excellent resource for researching Italian passengers arriving in U.S. ports during this span of time.

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Directory of Scots in the Carolinas, 1680-1830- by David Dobson

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Pub Date: 06/28/2005

ISBN: 0806352310

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A sequel to the 1986 volume, *Directory of the Scots in the Carolinas: 1680 - 1830* is based on recently released material consisting of primary sources located in various archives and publications in the United States and Great Britain, with a strong presence of material found in the National Archives of Scotland.

The introduction gives a short historic perspective of the Scots settlement into the Carolinas, with insights on the reasons of the various periods of migrations in certain timeframes. The main body of the book contains biographic information in alphabetic order of Scots that migrated to and from the Carolinas. These can be fairly brief or nicely informative, depending on how much information could be found. With each individual's biographic information are listed the various primary sources where the information was found. The key to the primary source abbreviations is located in the back of the book.

## New Library Services for Genealogists

Now it's even easier to get help with your family history research! Jacksonville Public Library offers two new services for genealogists: "Ask a Librarian" and "Book a Librarian."

"Ask a Librarian" is an online chat reference service. Each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday a Jacksonville Public Library Genealogy Collection librarian will be available to answer questions online from 2-4 p.m. You can log in to chat on our website. Just go to the homepage at [www.jaxpubliclibrary.org](http://www.jaxpubliclibrary.org) and click on "Ask a Librarian." The "Ask a Librarian" link is the first link in the green area on the bottom of the page. If you are unable to log on for a chat session during the hours a Genealogy librarian is available, we also answer reference questions via email. You can send your questions to [inform@coj.net](mailto:inform@coj.net).

The "Book a Librarian" service allows for one-on-one assistance with your genealogical research. To schedule an appointment with a Genealogy librarian, please call 630-2409 or send your request via email to [inform@coj.net](mailto:inform@coj.net).

## **Spotlight on Genealogy Websites: Georgia Death Certificates**

The Genealogical Society of Utah and the Georgia Archives have scanned and indexed Georgia death certificates from 1919-1927. Digitized copies of the death certificates are available on the Georgia Archives website at <http://content.sos.state.ga.us/cdm4/gadeaths.php>.

Death certificates from this time period consist of two parts: personal and statistical information and the Medical Certification of Death. This may include:

- Name of Deceased
- Date and Place of Death
- Gender
- Race
- Marital Status
- Name of Spouse
- Date of Birth
- Birthplace
- Occupation
- Age
- Name and Birthplace of Father
- Name and Birthplace of Mother
- Cause of Death
- Place and Date of Burial, Cremation or Removal

Post-1927 Georgia death certificates can be obtained from the Georgia Vital Records Office. Jacksonville Public Library's Genealogy Collection at the Main Library has indexes for Georgia deaths, 1919-1999 on microfiche and an index to Georgia deaths, 1919-1998 is included in the Ancestry Library Edition database. Ancestry Library Edition access is provided at all Jacksonville Public Library locations.

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