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Jacksonville Public Library Genealogy Newsletter

"There is no king who has not had a slave among his ancestors, and no slave who has not had a king among his." -- **Helen Keller**

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Events

July 12

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society will meet July 12, 2008 at Webb-Wesconnett Library, 6887 103rd St., Jacksonville, FL. We are very pleased to have Mr. Louis Zelenka, now retired from the Genealogy Department at the Jacksonville Library, but still working part-time. Mr. Zelenka will present his program, "A History of Rural Cemeteries in Northeast Florida." For additional information please contact Mary Chauncey at 781-9300.

July 19

On Saturday, July 19 at 10:15 a.m. the Southern Genealogists Exchange Society will meet at the Argyle Branch Library, 7973 Old Middleburg Road South. This location is just north of the intersection with Argyle Blvd and Old Middleburg Road at Oakleaf Plantation. Our special guest speaker is Bob Morgan, president of the Jacksonville Maritime Society and Museum. Mr. Morgan shares Jacksonville's deep relationship with the St. John's River.

July 26

Using Search Engines Effectively for Genealogy Research

Can't get the search engine to find what you are looking for? Certified genealogical record specialist Ann Staley will provide tips for utilizing the full capabilities of search engines to help you with your genealogy research. The class is on Saturday, July 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Electronic Classroom on the 1st floor of the Main Library, 303 N. Laura Street. Please call 630-2409 for more information.

August 2

"Read All About It!" Newspaper Research: Reading Past the Headlines

Not using newspapers in your research? Discover how this rich resource can aid your research and bring your ancestor "to life". Presenter Ann Staley, CGRS, will use examples from various city newspapers. The class is on Saturday, August 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Room 419 on the 4th floor of the Main Library, 303 N. Laura Street. Please call 630-2409 for more information.

August 9

"Shore to Shore" - 20th Century Immigration Research

How are we to find our ancestor among the millions who have arrived in this country? This lecture, presented by Ann Staley, CGRS, includes a 4-step research strategy and a look at the various records available to the researcher. The class is on Saturday, August 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Room G4 on the Conference Level of the Main Library, 303 N. Laura Street. Please call 630-2409 for more information.

August 16

Florida Research - Online Resources

Are you clawing your way through your Florida family research? This lecture, presented by Ann Staley, CGRS, is designed to provide research resources to help you find that elusive ancestor. The class is on Saturday, August 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Room G4 on the Conference Level of the Main Library, 303 N. Laura Street. Please call 630-2409 for more information.

Genealogy 2.0

by David Fuller

As information and technology continue to advance, so do the methods and means in which that information is disseminated. One of the latest instruments in sharing and keeping up-to-date on resources and events is blogs.

BLOG

What is a blog, you might ask? In short, a blog is a website in which information is updated frequently or on regular basis. They may be maintained by a single individual or by an organization. Blogs usually provide information pertaining to upcoming events, current topics, latest developments, and future trends. In addition, blogs allow readers to submit or post comments regarding its content, such as events, trends, announcements, and features. Some blogs are free while others require a subscription. Please note that not all blogs are official or authorized. One example of this is the [Ancestry Insider](#) blog.

USE

So, how are librarians, genealogists, and family history researchers utilizing genealogy blogs? They utilize them to stay current with the latest developments and activities in the area of family history research. They are able to network to locate sources (such as unique record types) that they did not know existed, as well as communicate with individuals who possess specialized knowledge in a given area of interest. They also are able to remain informed and knowledgeable of the latest endeavors of genealogy services, such as Ancestry.com. For example, the following is an update from the [Ancestry.com](#) blog site:

[Ancestry.com Doubles its Historical Newspaper Collection](#)

Posted by [Suzanne Bonner](#) on June 12, 2008

"We doubled the size of our historical newspaper collection - adding **a billion names** and **20 million images**. Different than census or other types of records, newspapers can add context

through breaking news, gossip columns, entertainment listings, advertisements and much more. As we dug into the collection, we found stories of local town heroes - such as an article from 1909 in the Syracuse Herald about Patrolman Brunn who rushed in front of a speeding subway train to save a man who had fallen from the platform. We found medicinal cures, including pickled bee stings for rheumatism, described in a 1904 edition of the Washington Post. We found stories of how folks back then made ends meet, like the widows described in one 1909 Sheboygan Press article who could purchase the entire city of Chicago with their fortunes."

BLOG SITES

The [Genealogy Bank](#) provides a list of other blogs sites related to family history research. These include summaries and links to sites, such as:

- [Ancestry Insider](#)
- [DearMYRTLE's Genealogy Blog](#)
- [Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter](#)
- [Everton Publisher's Genealogy Blog](#)
- [The Footnote Blog](#)
- [Genealogy Insider](#)

These are just some of the blog sites dedicated to genealogy research.

Blogs provide a useful tool for staying current with the latest developments and trends in various fields. As those who conduct ancestral research know, never limit your research to a single source. Always try to locate a corresponding source that verifies the evidence you've found in another. Depending upon the type of information sought, you may wish to check out more than one genealogy blog. In closing, you may find that blogs make a good addition to your family history tool-box. For more information about genealogy blogs, you may visit <http://genealogy.about.com/od/blogs/a/rss.htm>.

New Materials

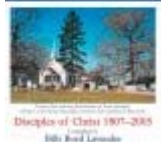
A Pioneer Church in the Oconee Territory : A Historical Synopsis of Antioch Christian Church - Lavender, Billy B.

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A well-kept secret for Georgia genealogy research is the book *A Pioneer Church in the Oconee Territory*. Founded in 1807, Antioch Christian Church was the first Christian church in Georgia. It is located in an area that was originally Greene/Clarke County, Georgia, now Oconee County. The book contains details of the way things were as far back as 1793 and the way life in America transpired within rural Georgia. Included in the work are early and centennial membership lists, the church's cemetery directory, and numerous biographies. Those researching their Georgia roots will find *A Pioneer Church in the Oconee Territory* an invaluable reference.

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