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March 2009 Genealogy Newsletter

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Events

March 2

The Fleming Island Genealogy Group will meet on Monday, March 2 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Genealogy and Local History Room of the Fleming Island Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd., Fleming Island. Ann Staley, CGsm, will conduct two computer workshops: www.footnote.com and Googling Your Family: Using the whole www.google.com. Call 278-3722 to register.

March 14

On Saturday, March 14, the Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society, Inc. sponsors Ancestry Day in Jacksonville, offering a free seminar to learn more about Ancestry. Ancestry employee Lisa Parry Arnold will present several informative lectures about the site. This is a great opportunity to learn about the premier website for family history research from an insider. The seminar is at Riverside Presbyterian Church, 849 Park Street, Jacksonville, FL. Time: 9:00AM-3:00PM. Go to <http://www.sgesjax.com/> and click on "Special Announcement" to register. This event is open to the public and seating is limited.

March 21

Who Is The Doggie in the Photo? Do you have photos scattered in boxes and drawers of people in your family, but you have no idea who they are because they are not labeled? Were you once an album keeper or scrapbook maker but found it overwhelming? Do you have digital images everywhere? This presentation will provide you with some needed information on organizing and perserving your memories. Learn organizational tips and safe storage. Presented by Mrs. Barbara Banks, consultant for Creative Memories will discuss this at the Jacksonville Genealogical Society's monthly meeting, March 21, 2009, at 1:30 p.m., at the Webb-Wesconnet Branch Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, Florida. For additional information please contact Mary Chauncey at 781-9300.

April 25

On April 25, Jacksonville Public Library and Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society are proud to present Spring Seminar and Genealogy Fair. Our speaker, Jana Sloan Broglin, CGsm, is a professional genealogist with over twenty-five years of experience. She has spoken at local, state, regional, and national conferences. She is a lecturer and freelance writer. Over thirty publications on Kentucky resulted in being named a "Kentucky Colonel".

Mrs. Broglin will present the following lectures:

[Hookers, Crooks and Kooks: or Aunt Merle Didn't Run a Boarding House:](#) A light hearted look at searching for the black sheep in the family. Presented in costume.

["Hot Off the Press":](#) Examine the changes in the reporting of information in the newspapers over three centuries.

["When Johnny Comes Marching Home":](#) A case study of the four Borton sons of Fulton County, Ohio. Learn the types of records found for this military family in the Civil War.

[The Key to the Courthouse:](#) Do you want the magic key? The key to the courthouse? The way to unlock all the records found within? Learn techniques to make the most of your courthouse visit.

The seminar will be held at the Main Library, 303 N. Laura Street from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Genealogy Fair begins at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Center gallery. Lectures begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium. Please call 630-2409 for more information.

Native American Genealogical Resources

As the first inhabitants of North America, Native Americans have a history rich in tribal traditions and customs. Their love and respect for nature and the spiritual is demonstrated continually throughout their culture, beliefs, and practices. As with other groups in the Americas, their genealogy includes mixed heritage with members of other cultures. Through these intercultural unions, they learned to assimilate into the new North American landscape. Although they adapted to colonial America and its expansion, they managed to hold fast to some, if not most, of their core tribal beliefs and traditions. Tracing Native American ancestry can be a little challenging; however, resources at the Jacksonville Public Library can get your started.

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Ancestry.com is coming to Jacksonville!

The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society, Inc. is excited and pleased to announce their sponsorship of Ancestry Day in Jacksonville by offering a free seminar to learn more about Ancestry. Experienced lecturer and longtime employee, Lisa Parry Arnold, will present several exciting and informative lectures about the site. Lisa is a graduate of Brigham Young University with a degree in Family History. She has been doing client research for years, has authored a book entitled *Finding Your Quaker Ancestors*, and is the former Director of the Family History Center in Valley Forge, PA. You may have seen her column "The Ancestry Sleuth", which appears regularly in Ancestry Magazine.

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Free Online Course for Olde English Handwriting

Cambridge University has designed an online course on palaeography (ancient writing) titled "English Handwriting, 1500-1700" that will be of immense help to those researching original English records from this period. There are 28 lessons in the course, each one increasing in difficulty. Each lesson revolves around a single manuscript.

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