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State Society Honors Local SGES Member

SGES member Helen B. Tsatsanis was recognized by The Florida State Genealogical Society with a certificate in recognition of her contribution to the field of Genealogy and/or History for five or more years. The award was presented at the society's annual conference.

The nomination stated: "Helen Tsatsanis is one of the quiet people who just work around you without your knowing that she is there most of the time. Helen has been the lead librarian in charge of logging in books, quar-

terlies, newsletters, etc., into our library for many years (probably over 20 if any one dare count). The amount of detail required is astounding. She also does a physical inventory of the books on an annual basis, plus gives a detailed report to the Board each year so that we know exactly where we stand. Due to failing health she took on an appren-

tice about three years ago, and has done a marvelous job of training. Of course, all of this is on a volunteer basis. She is a treasure waiting to be recognized."

We are proud of Helen and the many other workers "behind the scene" and are glad that she was recognized by the state society. This is a first for SGES!

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New Members

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Bush Signs Terrorism Bill Limiting Access to Birth

Records: Rules to be promulgated within a year

Overriding the concerns of genealogists, President Bush signed into law Dec. 17 Intelligence Bill S.2845 (HR10).

The bill will limit access to birth records by terrorists – and genealogists. Although the nation's largest genealogist organizations – the National Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Societies – urged members to write their congressmen and congresswomen to ask for an exemption for genealogy research (one that would allow states to continue providing non-certified copies of records more than 100 years old), Congress fast-tracked through the legislation.

The new law, the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Act of 2004, did not have the wording suggested by the FGS/NGS Records Preservation and Access Committee.

One provision that did pass reads: "Issuance To Family Members - Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the States, shall establish minimum standards for issuance of a birth certificate to specific family members, their authorized representatives, and others who demonstrate that the certificate is needed for the protection of the requestor's personal or property rights," the committee reported.

The committee's goal was to get the suggested wording in the minimum standards, making it clear that the states are free to issue non-certified copies to the public. It is unclear whether this practice among states will continue.

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Many of us have spent much of our life researching our family roots, accumulating along the way valuable documents, books and other research materials. Although your family may value and keep the family tree after you're gone, they may not see the value in ALL of your research.

Before your life's work ends up in the trash, consider donating it to The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society, or leave it to us in your will. If you already have a will, this item can be added as a codicil.

This will allows others to share in and benefit from your collection.

And if you have finished your work (has anyone really done that?) don't wait - donate those books now.

Library Donors

A big thank you to the people who recently donated books and other materials to our growing library: Robert B. Gentry, Kevin Hooper, Jon Ferguson, Tom and Lynn Lisenby, Vivian Bennett, John Bond, Wilma Costantino, Chris Weide, Ed Murfin, Bob Grenier, Karen McCracken, Julie Howell, Jerry Phillips, Janis Brown, Donl Kite, Blanche McKay, Val Lyman, Carla Mellott, James O. Whetstone, Joy Bold, Mary Rudd, George and Esther Thomas, G. Howard Bryan Museum of Southern History, Brooks County Genealogical Society, Chesterfield County Virginia Library (by exchange), Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenberg County, N.C. (by exchange), Clayton Library Houston, Texas (by exchange), Golden West Marketing, Genealogical Publishing Co., and The Benjamin and Vladka Meed Registry of Jewish Holocaust Survivors Foundation.

Enough!

Fairfield Ledger

(Fairfield, Jefferson Co., Iowa)

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About a year ago, a 15th child was born to MR. and MRS. WILLIAM DESPAIN of this city, and was oddly, but probably properly, christened "ENOUGH." Monday evening twins, a boy and a girl, were born to the same parents, and of the 17 children all but one are living. MR. DESPAIN has been twice married, and was the father of five children by his first wife, or 22 in all.

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Ottumwa Courier re the DESPAIN twins: "He might christen the last two ADDENDA and FINIS."

- Submitted by member Mary Burke

Genealogy Events

SGES Programs

Willowbranch Library, 2875 Park St., each third Saturday, 1:30. Programs are presented jointly by SGES and the Jacksonville Genealogical Society.

Feb. 19: National speaker Daniel Moses on his part African-American, part Cherokee, part aristocratic caucasian heritage and his genealogical research. Contact: edmurfin@bellsouth.net

March 19: Frances Wentz Taber, "Aunt Bess Married the Circus 100 Years Ago."

April 16: Ed Murfin presents a two-part, multi-media program highlighting his work for Restless Legs Syndrome - and how to find it in genealogy. And his experience last summer searching for his great-grandmother's burial site in rural Lancaster County, Pa., with stories of Amish country.

St. Augustine Genealogical Society

March 12: 15th Annual Seminar, LDS Church, 500 Deltona Blvd, St Augustine, 9:30 a.m. Robert "Bob" Scott Davis, Jr, "Following a Nineteenth Century Paper Trail: Understanding Federal Records in the Old Bureaucracy," "Great American Genealogical Libraries," "Strange Lands: Unusual Places to Travel to on the Information Highway (Internet)" "The Really Important and the Self Important: Finding Biographical Information." \$30 includes lunch. Gail DeVries, 904-471-5549, Edie Mixon, 904-810-5187

Road Trips:

April 11-15: Wallace State College and the Birmingham Public Library. Trips are open to all. Information Edie Mixon: ediem@bellsouth.net

Elmer's Genealogical Library

Feb. 18-19: Curt Witcher (Saturday) and Deanna Ramsey (Friday). "Doing Effective Genealogical Research in Libraries," "Who Went Where and Did What?" "Mega Internet Sites for Genealogists Off the Beaten Path," and "Ancestor's Death - A Time For Reaping." Information: betdaclwho@aol.com

Madison County Genealogical Society

March 10: Jon Ferguson and Carla Mellot, "Goings on at SGES," 6 p.m. Elmer's Genealogy Library, 203 S. Range, Madison. Library, 850-973-3282

N.E. Florida Scottish Highland Games and Festival

Feb. 25-27: Clay County Fairgrounds, includes genealogy exhibits. www.neflgames.com

Irish Eyes Will Smile at These Internet Sources



With St. Paddy's Day just around the corner, many of us will renew our search for those often hard-to-find Irish ancestors.

Many resources are tucked away in the genealogical and historical libraries of individual villages, towns, cities and states – not to mention Ireland itself. But for those of us who can't afford to travel afar on a regular basis, the Internet – and its goldmine of sources — makes genealogy mining that much easier.

To understand the “whys” your ancestor emigrated in the first place, a good primer is various accountings of Ireland in the 1800s. One source I've bookmarked is <http://vassun.vassar.edu/~sttaylor/FAMINE/Examiner/Archives>, which provides contemporary accounts of The Great Famine through the eyes of newspapers. Featured are *The Illustrated London News*, *The Cork Examiner*, 1846-1847, *The Pictorial Times*, *Punch*, *Oxford to Skibbereen* and the Master Picture List, comprised primarily of pen and ink drawings that appeared in periodicals. A warning, these accounts and pictures are heart-wrenching.

Many Irish and Irish-related Web sites provide searchable databases, or access to them. One of the best on the Web is The Irish Ancestral Research Association based in Massachusetts, www.tiara.ie. There you'll find searchable databases of members' Irish surnames and obituaries, and some wonderful links to books and Web sites, including Irish county-specific sites. There's a whole lot more. Other searchable online databases include:

1. Official Report of the Parliamentary Debates of the Houses of the Oireachtas, <http://historical-debates.oireachtas.ie>, which contains the full text of the Dáil Debates from 21 January 1919 (First Dáil) and the Seanad Debates from 11 December 1922 (First Seanad).

2. Index to the Prerogative Wills of Ireland, <http://indigo.ie/~rcd/vicars/index.html>, 1536 to 1810 by Sir Arthur Vicars; 1897

3. Irish cemeteries, www.interment.net/ireland/index.htm

4. Index to Belfast Newsletter, 1737-1800, www.ucl.ac.uk/bnl/

5. Index to Irish Marriages in *Walker's Hibernian Magazine*, 1771 to 1812 by Henry Farrar, London, England, 1890, http://home.att.net/~labaths/irish_marriages.htm,

6. Index to the Births, Marriages, & Deaths in *Anthologia Hibernica*, 1793 to 1794, http://home.att.net/~cmlabath/anthologia_hibernica.htm, compiled by Sir Arthur Vicars, F.S. A., Ulster-King-of-Arms. The periodical existed only two years and ceased to appear when the publishers were given an official appointment.

7. Ulster Historical Foundation, www.ancestryireland.co.uk/ Features three free searchable databases plus many more for members.

8. CMC Ireland www.cmcrp.net/faq.php?topic=1 The letters stand for the group's project and online holdings, “Christening, Marriage, and Cemetery,” as well as death records. The primary focus is the 19th century.

9. Irish Men and Women Whose Names are on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, D.C., www.irishonthewall.com

10. The On-Line Institute for Advanced Loyalist Studies, www.royalprovincial.com/genealogy/gen.shtml. This site has a database of Irish men who fought in the American Revolutionary War.

11. Irish Family History Society (Cumann Stair Clann na Heireann, <http://homepage.eircom.net/~ifhs/> This site, based in County Kildare, Ireland, offers many resources and links, as well as searchable databases.

12. The Irish Times, <http://scripts.ireland.com>, has an en-

tire genealogy page offering searchable databases and excellent links and information. Subscribers may access more than just the indexes.

13. The IreAtlas Townland database, www.seanruad.com/ is a handy interactive tool that allows you to find a parish within a county, a county within a barony, etc.

14. Irish GenWeb, www.rootsweb.com/~irlwgw/, just like the U.S. version.

15. UK & Ireland Genealogical Information Service, www.genuki.org.uk/big/irl/index.html, this is part of the GENUKI that covers all of Ireland. It is organized based on historic administrative boundaries, which are more helpful for genealogy research. GENUKI home page:

www.genuki.org.uk/

16. Irish Ancestors pages, www.geocities.com/irishancestralpages/ The site says it all: “We dedicate this site to the promotion and encouragement of Irish genealogy and in our own way try and help those researching the Irish Ancestral Past. It contains a host of on-line records and extractions.”

17. Irish Ancestors, www.ireland.com/ancestor/ This site has a surname search page which returns not only the distribution and spelling variations, but also any books that have been written that cover that surname and where to find them. There is a place name search for all of Ireland or for a specific city, and much more.

18. Irish Genealogy: The Celtic Connection, www.geocities.com/Heartland/Prairie/8088/ire.html Click on a county and you'll be rewarded with searchable database indexes.

19. The 1796 Spinning Wheel Premium Entitlements List, <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~donegal/flaxlist2.htm>, search by surname.

-compiled by Anne M. Joh 

NEW BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY

- Q-343 The Pennsylvania Magazine of History & Biography
Q-344 Family Tree Magazine
VA-203 Hanover County Taxpayers, St. Paul's Parish, 1782-1815
VA-204 Land Causes, Accomack County VA 1717-1826
VA-205 1800 Tax Lists & Abstracts & Deeds 1796-1800 Wythe County VA
VA-206 Pittsylvania County VA Abstracts of Wills, 1768-1800
VA-207 Amelia County VA Marriages, Bonds, Consents, & Ministers Returns
VA-208 Goochland County VA Marriage Bonds & Ministers Returns
WV-24 Hampshire County Death Records 1866-1922
AA-22.1 Original Scots Colonists of Early America, Caribbean Supplement 1611-1707
AA-74 Mayflower Increaseings 2nd Edition
AL-301 Alabama Official & Statistical Register 1939
CT-11 Proprietor's Records of the Town of Waterbury CT 1677-1761
CT-12 A Digest of Early Connecticut Probate Records
Volume I
CT-12.1 A Digest of Early Connecticut Probate Records Volume II
CT-12.2 A Digest of Early Connecticut Probate Records Volume III
EF-181 Irish & Anglo-Irish Landed Gentry When Cromwell Came to Ireland
EF-182 Eastern Cherokee Census Cherokee NC Volume I 1915-1916
EF-182.1 Eastern Cherokee Census Cherokee NC Volume II 1917-1918
EF-183 Cherokee Reserves
EF-184 Benjamin and Vladka Meed Registry of Jewish Holocaust Survivors Volume I
EF-184.1 Benjamin and Vladka Meed Registry of Jewish Holocaust Survivors Volume II
EF-184.2 Benjamin and Vladka Meed Registry of Jewish Holocaust Survivors Volume III
EF-184.3 Benjamin and Vladka Meed Registry of Jewish Holocaust Survivors Volume IV
FH-834 Florida's Forgotten Pioneer : The Gallant Captain Melton Hayes
FH-835 Phillip Hoggart Family Research
FH-836 Phillips Family of Georgia, Montgomery and Emanuel Counties
FH-837 Wheeler Cousins
FH-838 Caleb Talley Family of Hanover County VA and Green County GA
FH-839 Chancey, Chauncey Family History
FL-317 Images of America - Clay County
FL-318 The History of Dinsmore
GA-298 A List of Early Settlers of GA
GA-299 Life in Old Bulloch, The Story of a Wiregrass County in GA
GB-126 Outstanding Young Men of America 1968
MA-32 Record of Parish List of Deaths 1785-1819, Salem MA
MA-33 Boston Marriages 1700-1751 Volume I
MA-33.1 Boston Marriages 1752-1809 Volume II
NC-173 Currituck County NC 18th Century Tax & Militia Records
NC-183 Data on Cemeteries on Military Base at Cherry Point NC, Craven County
NC-184 Bending The Twigs in Jamestown, A History of Education in Jamestown NC 1755-1945
NC-185 Marlboro Friends Cemetery, Randolph County, Sophia NC
NC-186 Springfield Friends Cemetery 1780-1991, Guilford County Highpoint NC
NC-187 Marriage Records Carteret County NC 1755-1868
NY-71 Collections of NY Genealogical & Biographical Society : Staten Island Church Records Vol. IV
PA-53 Cumberland County PA Quarter Session Dockets 1750-1785
SR-241 Register of Federal US Military Records Volume I 1775-1860
TN-59 East Tennessee's Forgotten Children, Apprentices from 1778-1911
TN-60 Dekalb County TN Marriages 1848-1880
- The number of issues which have been added to the following quarterly collections are :
- Q-124 Stripes (TX) (30)
Q-196 The Genealogical Record (TX) (100)
Q-184 The Treeshaker (TX) (12)
Q-56 The Hearld (TX) (23)
Q-92 N. Carolina Genealogical Society Journal (13)
Q-114 The S. Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research (11)
Q-289 The William and Mary Quarterly (VA) (3)
Q-313 The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography (8)
Q-149 Heritage Quest (13)
Q-120 Southern Genealogist's Exchange Quarterly (FL) (16)

Search for Old Cities, New Towns & Counties

ePodunk.com launched a free Web site, compiled by journalists formerly with the *Detroit Free Press*, *The New York Times* Web edition and *American Demographics* magazine, that allows researchers to find communities by former names. (www.epodunk.com) The new database draws from hundreds of published sources to compile a list of prior post office names, railroad depots, plat names, informal place names and merged communities.

Researchers can use the database to link historic documents, which may have outdated place names, to current resources, such as libraries, archives, cemeteries and historical societies. The site contains information about every U.S. county, profiles more than 27,000 cities and more.

New Webmaster, Newsletter Editor

If you notice changes afoot at our Web site and in this newsletter, please pardon our dust. Anne M. Johnson has taken over the newsletter and her husband, John Johnson, has taken over the Web site.

The Johnsons look forward to trying new things that increase enjoyment, accessibility and readability of both communication means for all of our members.

And be sure to thank Myra Thompson and Bev Murfin, for having carried the roles for some time. They've done an outstanding job, for which we are grateful.

If you have ideas for changes, e-mail Anne: aofjax@bellsouth.com or John: jjohnson@auchter.com They look forward to serving you this year.

And if you've been to the Web site lately, you will have noticed the link to **Heritage Quest Online** has changed. The link is now on the top right section of the home (main) page.

APB for Missing Books

The following books were missing when the library was inventoried on Nov. 1, 2004. The newest addition to this list is the Connecticut book which is the second volume of a three-volume set.

It is sad to see books continue to disappear from our shelves. We respectfully request members double-check their shelves for any of these books. If found, please return the item so that others may use them.

- Q-54 Gwinnett Historical Quarterly
- EF-12 Edinburgh Street Plan
- SR-8 Guide to Using The Dollarhyde System For Genealogical Records
- SR-69 Genealogical Collection of the Albertson Public Library
- SR-156 Researching Masonic Records
- FH-47 Parrish Family Record
- FH-706 Pomery
- CT-9.1 Genealogies of Connecticut Families Vol. 2
- FL-49 History of Jacksonville Florida & Vicinity 1513-1924

Civil War Photographs

The U.S. Army Military History Institute has a collection of Civil War photos available to the public.

Search its catalog by name to see if it has a photograph of your ancestor or the regiment he served in.

Fill out the online order form and the institute will send a photocopy of the photo and projected cost, which varies by whether a negative must be made.

A recent search for my ancestors drew no reward, but I found a full-face photograph of a friend's ancestor in excellent condition.

Most of the photos appear to be of Union troops and soldiers. The Web site is: <http://carlisle-www.armymil/usamhi>

- FL-149 History and Memories of Lulu, FL
 - FL-246 Register of Florida CSA Pension Applications
 - GA-114 Bulloch Co. GA Gen. Source Material
 - GA-121 Grand Jury List Montgomery Co. GA 1807
 - GA-122 Grand Jury List Montgomery Co. GA 1798
 - GA-123 Grand Jury List Montgomery Co. GA 1805
 - GA-124 Petit Jury List Montgomery Co. GA 1806
 - GA-136 A History of Jones Creek Baptist Church Long Co. 1810-1985
 - IN-7 Books from Indiana Historical Society
 - NY-22 The Life of Mary Jemison
 - NC-17 Abstracts of Wills of Edgecomb Co. NC
- MICROFICHE: IGI 1988:
Connecticut #47, N. Carolina #609

Google to Place Libraries' Books Online

Google says it will make available online over the next decade, the book collections of five major universities.

The Internet search organization plans to begin immediately having employees at Harvard University, Stanford University, University of Michigan, Oxford University and the New York Public Library System begin scanning 50 million books - page by page.

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Resources for Finding Huguenot Ancestors

R. Jaudon "Don" Berry, our January program speaker, offers additional resources for finding Huguenot ancestors. Web sites include www.rootsweb.com and www.twrcomputing.freemove.co.uk/cd600.htm

He also recommends Huguenot Settlers in North America and Europe 1600s-1900s. This commercial site, which you must pay to use, contains an electronically searchable text of the pages from 17 volumes of French Protestant (or Huguenot) family and immigrant histories. Produced in collaboration with the Genealogical Publishing Co., they contain biographies, narratives, and records that trace the Huguenot migration through Europe to Canada and the United States. The volumes include a searchable index of about 19,000 Huguenot immigrants,

although many more family members are included in the text.

The following works are included on this Family Archive: *The Huguenot Settlements in Ireland*, by Grace Lawless Lee. This award-winning book is the definitive account of the principal Huguenot family settlements in Ireland. Lee furnishes specific biographical and genealogical details concerning the more successful Huguenot families who settled in Ireland in the wake of the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685. The book is also sprinkled with lists of Huguenot ministers, churches (with their dates of founding), apprentices, students, and so on. *The Huguenots: Their Settlements, Churches, and Industries in England and Ireland* by Samuel Smiles.

An instructive history, this remarkable work recounts the causes leading to

the persecution of the French Protestants and traces their emigration from France to England and Ireland. Includes a collection of 300 biographies of noted Huguenot refugees who settled in Britain, and a separate section on the Huguenots in America by G. P. Disoway.

Look-up Angel

SGES Orlando member Kim Peters has volunteered to do lookups for members of Orlando/Orange County City Directories, phone books, and obituaries published in the *Orlando Sentinel*. Peters said she has access to the Orlando Public Library Collection as well. E-mail her at kimpetersocls@aol.com, or write to her at 550 W. Springtree Way Lake Mary, FL 32746

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