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FROM THE PRESIDENT

A Special "Thank You"

Many folks have gone beyond the expected "call of duty" for our organization, but some especially stand out and need special recognition:

Skip Brown has donated the supporting arms for the new shelves being installed in the "office."

George Thomas is responsible for purchasing the uprights and installing those shelves, the slide lock on the bathroom door and a lot of other things that most folks don't even notice. He even donated a new monitor for our main computer.

John Johnson, Anne's husband, has made a new sign for the front wall of our building.

This newsletter could be filled with names of folks who have given books, CDs, equipment, etc. to our society. We appreciate all of you, and could not exist without all of the volunteer hours and materials donated.

New Board Members

We have several new members on our 2006 Board. This is great! It not only is a good learning experience for them, but they bring fresh ideas to the "repeaters," and that's good. We are all open to suggestions of how we can better serve you. We have opportunities for you to join us, too. Just let one of the officers know of your interest and we will fit you right into where you are most comfortable.

Pioneers of Florida's First Coast, Volume 2

Anne Johnson has done a meritorious job on getting the articles all ready for proofing and final set up. We should be ready to go to the printer within the first quarter of 2006, then to the binder, and finally make the announcement that they are ready to purchase. Be saving your money. You'll all want one.

Calendars

You do have your 2006 Collector's Item Calendar produced by SGES don't you? We still have a few available. For the small donation, you can help your society and make a loved one happy with a gift ... why not now?

Training for Library Host/Hostess

We are anticipating a training session for those interested in being a host or hostess at our library. You don't have to make a firm commitment to serve

at this time, but you will need to take advantage of the training. This would be a great time for anyone to learn more about what is available in our wonderful facility. Be watching for announcement of scheduled sessions.

Here's a special deal...

SGES has a case (4 units) of Ricoh Toner Type 30 and one laser printer toner cartridge for HP LaserJet 5P/6P or 5MP/6MP. We have also accumulated an oversupply of used legal-sized file folders and hanging file racks. Interested? Let's make a deal.

Research

We are in the process of expanding our files of loose papers on "Subjects," "Places" and "Research Libraries." They are located in the second room in the row of cabinets holding Family Research." If you have papers you would like to donate for these files, please bring them in. Particularly we would welcome brochures from various genealogy libraries. Knowing what is available would help us prepare for a research trip.

Dues are due

If you have not paid your 2006 dues, you may include your check and application in the same mail with the included form. Did you opt to include Heritage Quest Online? Have you tried it? You may like it.

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A Trip to Salt Lake City

By Susan W. Roberts

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 9 p.m. Tuesday thru Saturday and at 5 p.m. on Monday. With use of the library as the focus of our trip we stayed at the Best Western on South Temple. It is just around the corner from the library and its restaurant opens at 6 a.m. and is available after the library closes.

Our Tuesday thru Saturday routine requires us to rise at 6 a.m., eat breakfast and walk out the back door of the hotel, down the alley and around the corner to the library to stand in line and kibitz with those around us as we wait for it to open. You might be surprised at what you learn from your fellow genealogy aficionados.

As you go in the door to the elevator you may go to the 2nd floor where the US/Canadian films are located. If you do, first locate the microfilm readers and reserve your reader by turning on the light to the side of the reader and stowing your drag-around containing your computer in the cubbyhole next to the reader. Next thing is to purchase a card (60 cents) for copying stuff from the computers, the copy machine, the film copier and the CD burner. CDs cost \$1.50. The cards can have money added to them in any amount and if you have some unused money on the card when you leave, you can donate your card to the library for someone else to use or you can take it home to bring it back the next time you come to FHL.

With your copy card in hand you find an FHL computer and access the catalog of the library and search for the records you want. Your card allows you to copy the location information such as the Call number for a book or a film.

Films are in drawers on the second floor and the numbers contained in each row are indicated on the end of each row – just like library books in that respect. Films are not filed by

subject matter. Note that you must replace the film you pull unless you brought your mother.

Take the film (no more than six at a time) to the reader where you stowed your gear and load the film according to the directions on the reader. Turn on the light over the reader itself and crank away! Try not to make yourself dizzy as the dizziness seems to stay with you until you take a nap and naps waste so much 'crank' time.

Hopefully you'll find something on the film from which you want to make some sort of transcription or copy. Sometimes the print is too small or the handwriting is so full of those flourishes that it is difficult to read. When that happens, take the film to the front of the library where the Census indexes and films are located and find a reader with magnification. Those are a great help.

When you find what you want to copy remove the film and the uptake reel and take them to the copiers next to the missionaries' cubbyhole, turn on the computer's light, load your film upside down, locate the page, line it up within the indicators of the size paper you want to use, adjust the lightness/darkness, insert your copy card in the gizmo and press the copy button. Check the copy produced and make adjustments as needed. Don't forget to retrieve your card.

Census indexes, the Dollarhide map book, etcetera are also located on the second floor. You can copy the film of any census at a special machine next to the cubbyhole where the missionaries hang out. That cubbyhole is on each floor and it's where you go to sign up for a time to use the CD burner.

The CDs they sell hold a ton of copied information and can be used at a later time to add more copies. Interesting thing about the CD burner is that you can use it to copy to your 'thumb drive'. To do that first save what you want to copy to the C:// drive of the computer you are using

and then make a copy and drag it to the icon for your 'thumb drive' in My Computer for those who just love Bill Gates. Some of the missionaries can help you. It doesn't seem to matter what age they are, as a lady much older than I and a girl young enough to be my granddaughter helped me accomplish that feat.

The third floor has United States books. The books include the DAR Lineage and Patriot books, the Federal and State Census Records, State and County books, territorial papers, Will Books and on and on. The tables have plugs for your computer and comfortable chairs. Remember not to talk loudly so the others can read without being distracted. Every now and then someone forgets their manners and if polite reminders don't encourage quietness, that person is ejected from the floor. Would you really want to go that far just to be kicked out? I don't think so.

I found the Black Book listing the Tories in North Carolina during the Revolution and the Black Book of Georgia listing the names of convicts, residents of insane asylums, orphans who were apprenticed to the house of a man who pledged to teach them a trade by the time they reached their majority, students in the 'poor school', brief statements of the reason the person was in the State penitentiary and some disgusting stuff as the book promises. Volume I or II had great quotes at the beginning of each section. One of the quoted fussed about how we only make detailed, complete records of the bad and the unfortunate of our society and none of our leaders. Another quote revealed that the quoted person lived on Liberty Street with the penitentiary at one end and the Insane Asylum at the other!

Everything not U.S. or Canada is found on B1 where resources for Europe and everything not U.S. or England and on B2 for all things England. I am told

that the missionaries are very helpful on those floors.

The first floor has family books. I found several concerning my family, the Wadsworths. Some of the books do not list sources but even those give you ideas as to the names of those dead guys for whom you search. The First Floor also has a snack bar where you can find ice cream bars, apples and other food and drink. Clean bathrooms are conveniently located on each floor.

The Library has four floors and new material arrives every day. The other researchers will help you immensely. They are friendly and willing to take a break from reading or 'cranking' and give you advice on where to look or how to do something. I met several very nice and helpful fellow genealogists.

I hope you go and that you find more information than you thought possible!

Editor's Note: I have always yearned to visit the LDS library in Salt Lake City, but didn't know what to expect. When I learned Susan was going, I asked her to write an article for SGENS about her trip. Having read this, I'm excited about going myself next year. -- Anne Johnson

Also, I learned from the Orange Park LDS library that you can now borrow books from the Salt Lake City library, the same

LDS Library online

The LDS Family History Library has begun digitizing and making available online all of the Family History books in its collection. About 5,000 books are online, and about 100 titles a week are being added. To use the online library, go to www.lib.byu.edu. From the list of collections displayed, choose: "Find Other materials," "Electronic," "On Line Collections at BYU." Then choose the TAB "Text Collections," and "Family History Archive."

Upcoming Events

SGES: The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society will hold its monthly program meeting on Saturday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m., at the SGES library, 6215 Sauterne Drive, Jacksonville.

The speaker is Mr. Mueller, an author and lecturer on steamboat history and research. The program is a slide presentation about St. Johns River steamboats and how he sometimes has used genealogy in his research.

For more information or directions go to <http://sgesjax.tripod.com>, or call 778-1000.

Spring seminar is set for Saturday, March 11. Brent Holcomb, a well-known South Carolina specialist, will be the guest speaker. He is considered an expert on South Carolina research, but often what works for one state will work for another.

St. Augustine Genealogical Society:

Meeting: Jan. 14, 1 p.m. "Using Clooz-electronic filing cabinet."

Annual Seminar, March 11, Speaker Lloyd Bockstruck on New England Research, Lesser Used Genealogical Records, Finding Substitutes for Birth and Death Records, America's Lesser Known Wars and their Records. Cost is \$30 and includes lunch

Trip: Boston, March 12-19. All are

Surname Research

Enclosed in this newsletter is a form for you to complete and return to us. We need this if you want to be included in this program. We hope to publish a roster of all 2006 members, effective March 1, which will include their address, e-mail address and the surnames they are researching. This will make it possible to know others who are working on the same lines with you, and you may be able to exchange data.

Missing Books

Unfortunately, it is time to report the list of missing books from the SGES Library.

The following list of missing books was noted in the recent inventory of the library in 2005.

As a reminder, it is the policy of the SGES Library that **NO BOOK SHOULD EVER LEAVE THE LIBRARY.**

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 Volume 2
 FL-49 History of Jacksonville Florida and Vicinity 1513 1924
 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
 North Carolina #609

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Online Genealogy News

The federal Bureau of Land Management's General Land Office Records Web site is back online again. The database, searchable by last name and by state, has been offline for nearly a year.

At this site you can obtain millions of historic land title records from the 30 Public Land States (those states not included in the original 13 Colonies), East and West, dating back to the 1780s.

These fascinating and valuable records include homesteads, patents, military warrants, and railroad grants.

Since the project began in 1989, more than 4.2 million records have been scanned and imaged, according to the bureau.

The Newark, N.J. Archives, online at <http://www.trenton>

history.org, has placed online a number of genealogy resources. These include an index to obituaries in the *Sunday Advertiser Times* from 1901 to 1924 and from the *Trenton Times*, obituaries from 1984 to June 1985.

Also available are six city directories from 1844 to 1920; an index to five Trenton cemeteries; several Trenton high school yearbooks; the diaries of Trenton businessman Edmund C. Hill, the entire two-volume set of a "A History of Trenton, 1679-1929"; and an index of stories appearing in the Trenton newspaper *The True American*, from 1856 to 1871.

A cooperative venture between the National Archives of Ireland and Canada will result in a free online index of Ireland's 1901 and 1911 censuses, according to Yahoo News. The indexes will go online over a three-year period

beginning in December 2006.

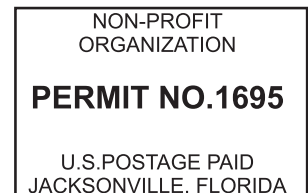
Information includes name, age, sex, marital status, occupation, county and county of birth, literacy level, ability to speak Irish, number of years married for women and the total number of children born.

To read about the project, go to <http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20051206/>

Help needed

We have a number of boxes of papers from various donors waiting to be sorted and filed. Most of these will probably be put into notebooks for our Family Research collection. We need to eliminate duplicates and unreadable papers, punch holes and file into three-ring notebooks. Interested? Please call the library or come in. It may be possible for you to do some of this work from your home.

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