

Florida Land Records at State Archives and Online

The Florida State Archives in Tallahassee has a wealth of information on Florida land records.

Included in these collections are microfilm copies of federal land grants and sales, as well as applications for homesteaded land.

The following information is from the state archives:

The United States General Land Office was established in 1812 to survey and manage the public lands of the federal government. In 1824, the post of Surveyor General of the United States for the Territory of Florida was established to survey the public lands in Florida, using a township and range system with the base and meridian lines beginning at Tallahassee.

The selling of the surveyed federal lands began in Florida in 1825. The

Florida District General Land Offices were responsible for the handling of claims made for virgin and unsettled federal public lands. The federal land offices in Florida were closed in 1907 and their records transferred to the State Land Office and the Commissioner of Agriculture (1907, Ch. 5611, Laws of Florida).

Homestead applications were submitted to the State Land Office from 1881 to 1905. In accordance with the Florida homestead laws of 1881, homesteaders were required to file applications to obtain the right to purchase the lands they occupied (1881, Ch. 3324, Laws). The applications consist of sworn affidavits by settlers testifying to their settlement, cultivation, and improvement of public lands for a period of over three years. The application

includes the applicant name, lot size, location, and land improvements. The records also include applications by railroad and canal companies to purchase lands designated for internal improvements.

Another helpful location for Florida land records is the Department of Environmental Protection. Its Division of State Lands has survey maps and field notes available on its web site, searchable by township and range coordinates. Go to <http://data.labins.org/2003/SurveyData/LandRecords/landrecords.cfm> and click on the link marked 'GLO Township Plats and Survey Notes'.

Other surveying information can be found on the Bureau of Surveying and Mapping at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/lands/surv_map/default.htm.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Progress report on Evergreen Project

The typists have now transcribed burial record number 28, 150 in February 8, 1960. We have a long way to go. There are over 77,000 burials there. We are typing approximately 200 per week, but the proofreaders haven't caught up with us. If you would like to help, please contact Jon Ferguson.

Receipt of Microfiche for Great Britain Census, 1881

An anonymous donor has given us the 1881 Census for Great Britain on microfiche. These are not ready to use yet. We don't even have a cabinet to put them in. You are going to be amazed at the number of them. If you know of a suitable cabinet which is available, please contact our library.

Jon Ferguson appointed to JCCI on Cemeteries

Our President has been appointed to a Jacksonville Citizens Committee Inc. on Cemeteries. It is their goal to cite needs and make recommendations to the City Council for what needs to be done and the priority for this work. If you have a special interest in any of the historic, old, or abandoned cemeteries in Duval County, or would like to participate in this project, please contact Jon.

Memorial Plaque

Do you know that you can make a memorial donation to SGES? If your donation is \$100 or more, we will put your name and the name of your nominee on a plaque on our wall.

Volunteer?

We need help in many ways. Several boxes of donated materials need to be sorted and put into files or binders. Surely you can do that. Some rearrangements of furniture have been made in the office area. You may think you are looking at the Waldorf-Astoria. We try to make proper usage of the space available. We hope that you approve.

One of our younger members is needed to volunteer to trim the tree limbs which are near the roof. We sure

don't need them tearing off shingles.

File Folders are Available

Do you need used legal sized file folders? We have accumulated quite a supply of these because many of our obituaries have been put onto CDs. If interested, please contact the office and let us know how many you need. The number of dollars you donate will probably get you as many as you need. We may have a few legal sized hanging files too. Just ask.

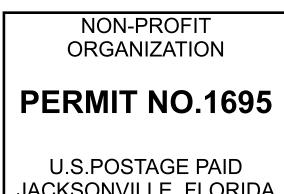
New Web Site

SGES has been given a new Website. It is: www.sgesjax.com. Try it, you'll like it. You may enter ten surnames you are searching directly. Big changes are possible. We are moving into the 21st Century one step at a time.

Seminar Speakers

The Board is in the process of locating speakers, etc. for the next two Seminars. We have set the tentative dates of Saturday, September 9, 2006 and Saturday, March 24, 2007. If you have a favorite speaker you want us to contact, please give us the name and how to contact. If you have a location that you think would be better, we are open to suggestions. This is your group and we aim to please as many as possible. Thanks for your cooperation.

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The New England Historic Genealogical Society offers a free weekly newsletter of interest to researchers nationwide.

Sign up, at http://www.newenglandancestors.org/education/articles/NEXUS_eNews/enews_main.asp.

A feature is a spotlight on online genealogical libraries, with an indepth description of what they offer. Following is a few offerings from the last two newsletters.

The Local History/Special Collections Division of the Alexandria Library houses the library’s holdings related to Alexandria and Virginia history, genealogy, and the Civil War.

www.alexandria.lib.va.us/branches/lhsc.html

Online indexes include:
 African-American Voter Registration in Alexandria, 1902 – 1954

“News of Interest to Colored Readers,” 1927 – 1928, a database that is an index to a column about social events in the African-American community, which appeared in the Alexandria Gazette between August 30, 1927 and June 1, 1928;

Obituary Index to the Alexandria Gazette, 1916 – 1946;

1890 Veterans Census – Northern Virginia; Index to Naturalization Petitions, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria, 1909 – 1929;

Volunteers for Freedom: Black Civil War Soldiers in Alexandria National Cemetery, and much more.

Another spotlight was on the Northern New York Library Network, <http://www.nnyln.org/>, which has two digital collections that will be of interest to individuals whose family lived in or came from the northernmost parts of New York.

Click on the Digitization link on their homepage to access these resources; and the Northern New York Historical Newspapers, an online collection containing more than 267,000 pages from 18 newspapers from NNYLN’s service area: Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, and St. Lawrence counties.

Once you subscribe to the NEGHS newsletter, you can access previous issues on the society’s Web site.

--- *Anne Johnson*

Upcoming Events

SGES: The Southern Genealogist’s Exchange Society will hold its monthly program meeting on Saturday, April, 8 at 10 a.m., at the SGES library, 6215 Sauterne Drive, Jacksonville. The speaker is Jerry Spinks, a member of the Jacksonville Historical Society and chair of the Merrill House Restoration Project. He is an FSU undergraduate/law school, IRS Attorney - Estate Tax Division 1972 - 2002, Jax Historical Preservation Commission /former member and chair Riverside Fine Arts Association, current board member/treasurer Jax Historical Society, current board member/chair Merrill House Restoration, and President Elect Chair of the City Council committee to make public aware of importance of tending local cemeteries.

St. Augustine Genealogical Society

Meeting: April 22, 1 p.m. at Southeast Branch, St Johns County Public Library, 6670 U.S. 1 S., St Augustine, FL 32086. “How To Prepare Before Heading To A Library To Do Genealogy Research”

Trips:

Salt Lake City-LDS, May 13-21
 North Carolina Archives, July 17-22
 Salt Lake City-LDS, Sept. 9-11
 Georgia Archives-Atlanta, Oct. 23-28
 All are welcome. Contact Edie Mixon at 904-794-7970

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