

you will want to be among those in attendance.

Mark your calendars now. Early registration is recommended. There may be a limit on how many we can accommodate. More details will be available in other articles.

Take precautions with your genealogy

Reminder: this is the stormy season in Florida

Do what you need to do to protect your genealogy research. Do you have a good surge protector? Have you backed up your data? Do you have another copy out of your home (like the genealogy library)? Have you shared your data with others?

Now, think a moment on this: what will happen to your research when you are no longer around?

Have you made proper arrangements so that survivors will know your desires? A codicil to your will may be in order. SGENS may be able to help by sharing a suggested format.

Hillside Cemetery

Burials of paupers from Duval County, Fla., began in this cemetery about 1920.

It is located at 3599 Owen Ave. on the north side of town. It is fenced with a locked gate.

The city maintains this plot on rolling land and it is neatly mowed with some shade trees. There are about 6,000 graves there. Most of them are marked with a small granite marker with a number and a name, if known. Some are marked: "child" or "male," etc.

The Mental Health and Welfare Division is in charge of this cemetery.

Arrangements to visit the cemetery must be made through them. Some records have been kept on a card system in the office, but no complete listing is available.

The transcription of this cemetery would be a super Eagle Scout project. What a coup this would be for genealogists. It is not uncommon to hear "I know that my folks lived and died in this area, but I can't find their grave."

A written request for permission to proceed with a transcription project has been made. If you would like to be involved please contact Jon Ferguson at 778-1000 or 388-8959. Leave a message if there is no answer.



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From the President

Heritage Quest

We have been advised that our contract with ProQuest allowing us to offer Heritage Quest On Line (Remote access) will NOT be renewed. Your access is still good until our contract ends on December 31. We may be able to tell you how to obtain this service through a public library. Keep tuned for further details.

Volunteers Needed

We have a number of boxes filled with loose papers that should be sorted and filed. You may be able to take a box home for this purpose. Are you willing to help us?

There has been a lack of researchers visiting the library recently. Is it the time of year? Is it the weather? Is it the fact that we have Internet access at home? Or do we already have all our

genealogy done? The flow has been so slow that it has been suggested that we open by appointment only. Surely this is not what you want. It is discouraging to the host to spend a day alone in the library, even though there is plenty to keep one busy by oneself. Training for volunteers will be offered soon. Please let Fay Doling know if you want to be included in the class.

Death and Burial Records

We now have a PDF CD of the official records of Deaths and Burials, Duval County, FL from 1860-1889, with a couple skips (one being for the War Between the States). This data has also been indexed for easy research. The board is in the process of determining the best way to make this data available...perhaps we will offer to do lookups for a small donation.

Quarterly Fiasco

You should have received the June quarterly by now. Through a combination of errors, there was quite a complex problem getting these out. Some were printed with the documents in color. Some had pages 3 and 4 reversed. Some lost the page numbers

completely. To top it all off, when they were taken to the bulk mail center, it was learned that the forms used had been declared obsolete and had to re-made. We hope that you enjoyed your copy. By the way, we would welcome submission by you for articles or fillers connected to genealogy. Remember that all names in our quarterly are indexed in PERSI, so you are potentially helping a lot of folks. How about sending us an article, a query, or tell us how you overcame your "brick wall." Good, clear copies of documents or photos are always welcomed.

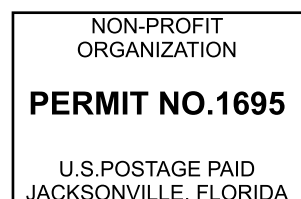
Seminar

September 9 should be a special day for all genealogists. We have contracted with George Morgan to present four topics to us in the Old St. Andrews building.

We will also offer tours of the adjoining "Merrill House."

Morgan is from the greater Tampa area and is well known all over the genealogy world through his programs and articles on the Internet. He is highly respected for his super ability to provide knowledge to us. Surely

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“Corn’s not shucked? Drive on!”

By Karen Rhodes

With my mind wandering as I drove home from my daughter and son-in-law’s house, where I take care of my 18-month-old grandson Victor, I began thinking of some of the expressions which have been handed down in my family, and thinking about what these expressions said about my forbears and the times in which they lived.

I thought also of the time machine that these expressions can be. With one such expression which I have taught to my daughters, and which my older daughter will undoubtedly teach to her son Victor (if I don’t beat her to it, that is), we have bridged the gap from the 1890s to the 21st century. As one friend of mine put it when we were discussing such expressions, “Document them before they vanish.”

That time-spanning expression, which my grandmother Mary (LeSourd) Reed shared with me one balmy day on her porch back in the 1950s, was: “Corn’s not shucked? Drive on!” In our family it means that something has not met our standards, and we’re going to continue searching for what we have in mind. She said it came from her mother, Rachel Anna Sleeth, wife of Levi Curtis LeSourd.

The LeSourd family had a farm not far from Delphi, Indiana, near a town called Sleeth after Rachel’s family. My grandmother told me in the 1950s that Sleeth was a ghost town; I’ve since heard from another Sleeth descendant that there are perhaps two houses and an old store there. In the 1890s, great-grandma and great-grandpa LeSourd would take Sunday afternoon drives in the country. One day, great-grandpa pulled up next to a roadside stand which offered fresh-picked corn for 2 cents an ear. My great-grandmother reportedly looked at it, saw that the ears were still nestled snugly in their shucks, and sniffed. “Corn’s not shucked? Drive on!” Darned if she was going to spend 2 cents an ear on corn, and then have to shuck it herself!

Another expression from the Reed side of my family is “Come again when you can’t stay so long.” This would be said by one family member to another who had dropped by only for a moment — not really long enough to come in the door – to bring

back a container, say, or drop off a book. The expression meant something along the order of “Nice of you to drop by, but the visit was far too short.”

Another expression of the Reeds was a bit cruder. When someone prepared a meal and we all sat down to it, one of the family might say, “Since you were so kind as to make it for me, I’ll eat it if it pukes me,” an oblique way of saying, “Thank you for taking the time and trouble to prepare this meal.” A non-family member hearing that at the table might have been either scandalized or disgusted, but there was a story behind it.

My great-grandmother Florence Elizabeth McKee was a formidable woman, known to all as “Mother Reed.” She ruled her roost firmly, that roost consisting of ten boys and one girl, as well as my great-grandfather Francis Harvey “Frank” Reed, a railroad conductor. One day, Mother Reed had made a large quantity of oyster stew. She corralled two of the boys to take a potful of the stew to an old widow who lived alone in the neighborhood, a woman whom all the children were convinced was a witch. The boys reluctantly but obediently complied. When the woman answered the door, the frightened but dutiful boys announced that their mother had sent round this pot of oyster stew. The old woman told them, “Well, I’ve never been fond of oyster stew, but seein’ as how your mother was so kind as to make it for me, I’ll eat it if it pukes me!”

I’m not sure whether the boys ran home shrieking with fear or laughter on that day.

Our older daughter coined one of our food-related family sayings which has endured. She is deaf in the left ear, and when she and her sister were teenagers, her sister suggested they go out for frozen yogurt. Our older daughter got a funny look on her face and said, “Fuzzy donuts?” That’s how she had heard the phrase “frozen yogurt.” So now, in our family, frozen yogurt is “fuzzy donuts.”

Comforting hurt bodies or feelings may be the aim of some family expressions. My mother, when we skinned a shin or suffered a slight at school, would say, “You’ll get over it before you’re married

twice.” That is an expression I chose not to pass on to my children, fearing it as a curse: My sister was married twice and my brother three times!

Some family expressions arise from an attempt to be delicate in a difficult situation. Laurie Campbell of Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada, tells this story of her grandmother back home in New Zealand:

My grandmother would never say anything if she couldn’t say something positive. One time my mother made herself a truly hideous bright blue coat with buttons covered in the bright blue fabric (great big buttons, I might add. This was the 1950s).

Even for the 1950s this was an awful-looking thing even on a hanger, and seeing it on my mother did not improve it or do a thing for her. She twirled happily in front of my grandmother, asking what she thought. My grandmother, bless her heart, did everything possible to change the subject, or to talk about anything and everything about my mother’s appearance except the coat. Everyone except my mother realized this meant Granny could find nothing nice to say about the coat. My mother, oblivious as always, kept pressing and pressing until she had my grandmother in a position where she could not avoid commenting on the coat.

“The buttons match, dear,” she said, whereupon my mother went into ecstasies about how much work it had been to cover the buttons. When my sister surreptitiously managed to put cigarette burns in the front of the coat so that it could not be worn any more, my mother lamented, “Oh, how could I have been so clumsy and ruin my lovely coat! Your Granny always loved that coat on me.”

To this day in the family, including my grandmother’s children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and now great-great-grandchildren, saying “the buttons match” means “It’s about the worst thing I’ve ever seen”

“How was the movie?”

“The buttons match.”

Sites That Help Create Historical Timelines

Try these. They are free. You will be surprised how much help they can be in completing your family tree.

Brainy History: www.brainyhistory.com

Event Timeline Profile: www.ancestralplace.com/timeform.htm

Historical Calendar Links: www.calendarhome.com/clink/history.html

On-This-Day.com: www.on-this-day.com

This Day in History <http://yahooligans.yahoo.com/docs/tdih>

Orb of History: www.historyorb.com

Timelines: www.corldvitalrecords.com/timelinevitalrecords.html

Timelines of History: <http://timelines.ws>

Today in History: www.tnl.net/when/today

Whowhatwhen: www.sbrowning.com/whowhatwhen

Year by Year 1900-2005: www.infoplease.com/yearbyyear.html

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Last Issue of Heritage Quest Magazine

Leland Meitzler, owner of Heritage Creations and publisher of Heritage Quest Magazine recently announced that the last issue of this magazine has been published. Mr. Meitzler has been named Managing Editor of the Genealogical Helper, published by Everton Publishers. Everton Publishers has agreed to fulfill the current subscription of subscribers to Heritage Quest Magazine.

Everton’s Publishers offers Everton Library Online membership for \$48 which includes a 1 year subscription to Everton’s Genealogical Helper. The online library includes Advanced

Favorite Online Sites

The Baker County, FL marriages indexed 1887-1930 and 1945-1960: www.rootsweb.com/~flbaker/

Effingham County, GA - 54th Regiment - Company I: ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/ga/effingham/military/civilwar/rosters/54regcoi.txt

Medieval Genealogy Updates www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk/updates/update.shtml

U.K. Victoria County Histories and More www.british-history.ac.uk/

Clues in U.S. Census Records, 1850-1930. www.archives.gov/genealogy/census/1850-1930.html

U.S. State Names and Meanings www.jimwegryn.com/Names/StateNames.htm

Some U.S. Naturalization Indexes and Records <http://home.att.net/%7Ewee-monster/naturalization.html>

www.funeral-home-locator.com State search

www.ftdna.com/facts_genes asap?act=show&nk=5.1 DNA Information

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~ajac/> Large slave holders of 1860 and African American Surnames

<http://www.tagate.com/wars/> Civil War site

www.blackcemeteries.com Contains names, obituaries and burials of thousands of African Americans who died in and around Muscogee, Schley, Marion and Sumter Counties in Georgia.

www.irishphiladelphia.com/genealogy.html Irish Settlers in the Phila, NJ and Wilmington, DE

Ancestor Search, Submit an Ancestor Record, Everton’s computerized Family Files (group sheets), Everton’s computerized Pedigree Files, Genealogical Helper past issue archive, Social Security Death Index, Newspaper Archive (over 400), and Everton’s Genealogical Library (to be scanned).

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Upcoming Events

SGES:

The Southern Genealogist’s Exchange Society will hold its monthly program meeting on Saturday, July 8 at 10 a.m., at the SGES library, 6215 Sauterne Drive, Jacksonville. The speaker is Karen Rhodes on “Black Sheep.”

September 9, Fall all-day seminar with George Morgan at Old St. Andrews building. Also, optional tour of the adjoining “Merrill House.”

St. Augustine Genealogical Society

The St. Augustine Genealogical Society is taking another trip to Washington, D. C., this time stopping enroute and visiting Monticello! The dates are Oct 22 - 29. Again, five nights lodging in D.C. and 2 nights enroute included, as well as bus fare to and from and during the week into the city from our home base in Springfield, VA. It also includes the fees concerning Monticello. The cost is \$650.00 per person, double occupancy.

There will be visits to the National Archives and the DAR library to do genealogy.

Trips:

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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