



# LEGACY

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF

THE SOUTHERN GENEALOGIST'S  
EXCHANGE SOCIETY, INC.

Library: 6215 Sauterne Drive, Jacksonville, FL • 904-778-1000 • Web site www.sgesjax.com

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

January 2008

Dear SGES Members and Friends,

Happy New Year! It is with humility and determination that I have accepted the position of President of the Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society, Inc. Through the years, as an administrator, I have had the pleasure of working with dedicated people seeking to help others. Though this leadership role is not dental in nature, it lends itself to a similar design of dedicated people seeking to help others. We, as a whole, have challenges ahead. The world is rapidly changing day to day. We must hold on to the progress with one hand while in the other hand we maintain the chronicles, the memoirs of history. It is a wide stretch from the future to the past. We need the assistance of many volunteers to help with the task ahead.

Over the next several months, we will be preparing for the impending future. At present, your library is in transformation. We purchased the shelving through your generous donations. You responded to the call for help to unload the shelving. Now, the shelving is being erected, secured and everything and I mean everything, is in movement. The carpet shampooed. Cleaning is daily. As we open the doors for you in 2008, not all will be complete but we will have progressed greatly.

In the next newsletter, after presenting the goals to the Board, I will share the goals with you.

We will present some new initiatives and programs as strategies to move forward. Many procedures will remain, as they have proved successful. However, I do want to state that I strongly believe in keeping you informed and plan on concentrated communication, mostly through email. If you have a new email address or you have not given us your email address please do so. This is our main communication link of the future.

I am convinced that by working together we can make significant progress toward our goals. You are essential and I am counting on **YOU**.

Best regards,  
Elizabeth "Betty" Poag Reed  
President



Kudos's & More...

You are wonderful! Recognition and a pat on the back go to these folks for turning out on December 12th. An urgent appeal went out email, with a couple of phone calls or help in the off loading of shelving from the delivery trailer to the library. The call was for 8:30 A. M., early Saturday morning, in the midst of Christmas season. What a tremendous turnout for help. Thank you, Thank, and Thank you. I want to name each and everyone that came to lend a hand. We will start with **Jon Ferguson**, orchestrating the morning. Jon holds the title of Logistics & Scheduling Coordinator for 2008 as well as Cemetery Liaison. Help came in the form of **Larry Skinner**, **Darrell Kathman** (new member), **Rav Argent**, **Mike & Carla Mel-lott**, **Bill Yarbrough**, **George & Esther Thomas**, **Bud & Betty Reed**,

**Jim Vearil**, **Skip Brown**, **Harry McKay** and grandson **Stuart Santos**, Jon's son-in-law, **James Whetstone**. Then **Elizabeth Stoeffler** in for library duty. That is amazing. Last minute call for help in the busiest time of the year which results in a tremendous turnout. So here is the final report: The shelving arrived earlier than planned, about 7:30 A.M. Jon had received a phone call. Jon quickly arrived at SGES. Some early helpers arrived and everyone went to work. Would you believe that at 8:30 A.M. the job was complete? So, when the timely ones arrived the work was done. It does not matter because they showed and their heart was in it. You still get Kudos's and more. Besides, some could have a donut, a cup of coffee and chat for a minute. The goal was get in, get it done, and get out early. The goal achieved with gratitude to all. Job well done.  
Betty.



Editor's Note:

Articles for the newsletter and quarterlies should be sent to the following email address: [jonadineferguson@aol.com](mailto:jonadineferguson@aol.com). Thank you for your continued support by sending in articles. March Quarterly articles are being accepted now.

## LIBRARY MAPS FOR SALE

1. #246 Middleburg/Ravines plat map
2. #246 Middleburg/Ravines plat map
3. #244 Middleburg area plat map
4. #245 Middleburg town plat map 1997
5. #245 Middleburg town plat map 2000
6. #245 Middleburg town plat map 2000
7. #245 Middleburg town plat map 1997
8. #245 Middleburg Town Plat map 1997
9. #245 Middleburg town plat map 1997
10. #436 Black Creek/McRae's Landing plat map
11. #436 Black Creek plat map
12. USGS Camp Blanding/Middleburg SW
13. USGS Picolata FL 1991
14. USGS Rice Creek FL 1993
15. USGS Green Cove Springs 1991
16. USGS Penny Farms 1949, rev. 1970
17. USGS Fiftone FL 1993 (NW of Middleburg – Duval/Clay line)
18. USGS Kingsley FL 1992
19. USGS Fleming Island 1992
20. USGS Fleming Island 1952, rev. 1981
21. USGS Jacksonville Heights 1964, rev. 1978
22. USGS Jacksonville Heights 1993
23. USGS Penny Farms 1993
24. USGS Kingsley FL 1949, rev. 1978
25. USGS Orange Park FL 1993
26. USGS Orange Park FL 1993
27. USGS Orange Park FL 1964, rev. 1981
28. USGS Orange Park/Mandarin 1918
29. USGS Jacksonville 1918
30. Rand McNally World Map
31. 1837 Florida
32. 1837 Florida
33. USGS Jacksonville Heights 1964, rev. 1978
34. USGS Middleburg SW 1949, rev. 1978
35. USGS Middleburg 1949, rev. 1978
36. USGS Fleming Island 1992
37. USGS Middleburg 1993
38. USGS Jacksonville Heights 1993
39. USGS Middleburg SW 1993
40. USGS Middleburg SW 1993
41. USGS Middleburg 1993
42. USGS Middleburg 1993
43. USGS Middleburg 1949
44. USGS Middleburg 1949

## NEW NARA FEES

As of October 2007, fixed-fee reproductions of commonly-requested genealogical records using the National Archives order forms will be:

Passenger Arrival Lists	NATF Form 81	\$25.00
Federal Census Requests	NATF Form 82	25.00
Easter Cherokee Applications To the Court of Claims	NAFT Form 83	25.00
Land Entry Records	NAFT Form 84	40.00
Full Pension File more than 75 Years old (Civil War & after) up to 100 pages	NAFT Form 85	75.00
Full pension file (pre-Civil War)	NAFT Form 85	50.00
Pension Documents Packet (selected records)	NAFT Form 85	25.00
Bounty Land Warrant Application Files	NAFT Form 85	25.00
Military service files more than 75 years olds	NAFT Form 86	25.00

Source: [www.nara.gov](http://www.nara.gov)



On Your next trip to the library you will notice a big change in how the library is arranged. Thanks to a lot of hard work by a lot of folks our library has a new look. We have tried to make books and records more user friendly.

## January Meeting

Saturday, January 12, 10:00 a m is the first meeting of 2008. I hope you are already making plans to attend the meeting as it will be an outing held at the Museum of Southern History, 4303 Herschel Street, Jacksonville, FL 32205 (Westside). “ Step back in time at this impressive museum and library in Jacksonville. With its emphasis on the *War Between the States*, the privately-funded site is dedicated to preserving southern history. “It honors those who valiantly fought in what is also called the Civil War. Knowledgeable guides direct you through awesome exhibits of flags, weapons, and other significant relics: the epaulettes of Stonewall Jackson, clothing, naval, medical and civilian items”. ( quotes from the museum website).

We will have our business meeting and then the guide on duty will direct the tour of their museum and library. Some of you have visited the museum on many occasions but there are many among us who have never toured the museum. We are pleased to provide you with another learning event. Afterwards, our own SGES library will be open for your research pleasure.



- A person can only brag when they talk about SGES members. Your generous donations are rolling in to meet the \$1400.00 purchase price of the shelving. I will not name individuals for donations, as some prefer to remain anonymous, however, it was touching to receive the outpouring and so quickly meet the extra overhead expense. It does not cease to amaze me, as to, your commitment level to SGES. I am proud to be your president

## ANNUAL SPRING SEMINAR

Arrangements for our annual seminar in March are well underway. “Bring Your Ancestors to life” is a seminar you don’t want to miss. Get on board now before the early bird special runs out. Only \$25.00 for all day— includes lunch. This is a writing workshop with no experience necessary. If you have ever thought about putting any of your family history on paper you must attend this creative, fun, and timely occasion. You will have no regrets for your choice to attend. Now is the time to send in your check to reserve your spot. The seminar will take place at the Riverside Presbyterian Church located at 849 Park Street, Bittering Hall. March 8, 2008 from 9:00 a m until 4:00 p m. Get off to the “write” start this year!

## Welcome New Members

Laurie Baker  
 Thomas Wright Drury Jr.  
 Pamela Gibson,  
 Darrell D. Kathman,  
 Carolyn Larder,  
 Carl Thomas and Gloria Schroeder Martin  
 T. Grady Mays,  
 Marie C. Sandry  
 Larry Skinner  
 Karen E .Thomas  
 Pat Wilkinson (was listed on last years list).  
 Ron Winkinson

## Former Members Renewals:

Kenneth and Eleanor Fowler



## President's Swan Song Jon Ferguson

It has been a real pleasure to serve as your president over the last several years. There comes a time when one knows he needs to cut back on some activities. My time has come. Your support over the years has been absolutely phenomenal. Together we have made some great strides and held everything together. Betty Reed will be bringing in some new ideas and we can look forward to modernizing. I fully support her and will be working closely with the board as progress is made.

There are many duties that are accomplished behind the scene and few even know that they are being done. Many of these things could use more volunteers to take the load off the few regulars who can always be depended upon.

I'll primarily be in charge of staffing the library. We will plan a training session for hosts and hostesses. See announcement in this newsletter. The best way to "know" the library, though, is one-on-one training with another person. Ideally we would have two persons on duty each day. So, even if you are not available one whole day each week, you may be able to work with someone else and thus fulfill your longings to help.

Here are a few things that you can volunteer for:

- Water the plants in the planters by the front door.
- Address and sort mailings of newsletters and quarterlies.
- Transport bulk mail to the BMC on Southside Blvd. near Beach Blvd.
- Check for missing books by inventorying the shelves.
- Rake and/or trim the yard.
- Sweep the driveway.
- Defrost refrigerator.
- Write articles for newsletter and/or quarterly
- Research for reply to queries
- Transcribe records.
- Scan obituaries.
- File miscellaneous family history research papers.
- Check mail.
- Run errands.

We have a good number of very generous folks who always come through when cash donations are needed. The recent call for help in purchasing the much needed shelving was no exception. You are to be commended. A few of you have not delivered your check. We will still welcome it. Don't forget that those who give \$100 or more can also use it as a memorial for a loved one...just give us the name to put on the plaque.

## A Chameleon in the Library Jon R. Ferguson

If you have not been involved with the transformation of the library during the holiday period while were closed, you will not believe what has happened in our library. I don't want to spoil the surprise, so I'm just saying come to see for yourself. You may have to help find what you are looking for!

Our Quarterly collection has been one of the least utilized resources. You will now find all of them in Room #2 on new shelves. Our Family History books now have room to expand, and the loose papers are nearby in the front room!

The lesser used books are being placed in Room #3 and all the "for sale" items will be maintained in the back room sometimes referred to as "Jon's Office." The microfische and microfilm readers have not been used much. They will be in the "Librarian's Den. (That's Carla's major work space which she shares with John Bond and the newsletter and quarterly editor.) The computer for CD research will be located in the front room. . You may have to ask for a map when you come in to find your way around, but come on. Let's enjoy this together.

## Christmas Party 2007

The Christmas social was par excellence! We had a fun time with loads of good food. If you didn't attend, here is what you missed. You missed Keys Rhodes playing the Jingle Bells. You missed the beautiful acappella voice of Becky Frisbee as she sang the Genealogist's version of the Twelve Days of Christmas.

Then there was the comedy routine by Jon Ferguson and Reggie Clay. Reggie has been pumping rust, ask him about it. Jon also brought a Christmas story from the cemetery. Jon Ferguson received accolades for his past service to SGES as the outgoing president. New officers were installed by Dick Cardell. Becky Frisbee held everyone's attention with "O Holy Night". As we enjoyed our food, Arianna Harris and Luis Miguel Marques entertained us with a demonstration of a Christmas waltz and then danced a fast moving salsa. In conclusion, Francis Podeine shared a beautiful poem. As always, food and desserts were aplenty. We laughed and enjoyed each others company. A great time with a side compliment from a member, "it was so good that next time we will charge"! ( We aren't planning that). If you have your 2008 calendars out, write down Saturday, December 13, 2008- & save the date of the next party.

## Training for Host/Hostess

We are looking forward to adding several more folks to our list of host/hostess in 2008. We would like to have every volunteer trained for this service, even though you have worked in the library before. Many changes have taken place in the last two weeks. Let's have two sessions, one on Monday, January 28 beginning at 10 a.m. Let's plan to take a lunch break away from the library, mostly due to shortage of space. We can then resume for some hands-on experience. A session for additional members will be announced shortly. Please call and have your name put on the list so that proper preparation can be made. You are welcome to attend either or both sessions. If you have a special request, please let it be known.



## BITS & PIECES

We are so pleased to report that Dot Skinner is almost completely recovered from her injury in a recent automobile accident. Congratulations to Ed and Beverly Murfin. They became great-grandparents on Monday morning, Dec. 17, 2007. Llayna Elizabeth Murfin, weighing in at 7 lbs, 4 oz., was born to their granddaughter Leona Elizabeth Murfin, of Cherry Lake, in Madison County, FL.

BOARD POSITIONS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS are basically full with one exception. SGES is in need of an individual who has experience in applying for grants or orchestrating fundraising. If you have expertise in this area, please contact Betty Reed (904) 778-1000, to share your talents.

## Dues Are Due

Our modest dues for 2008 are now due! We started collecting November 1st, 2007. Get the amount in quickly so as to not miss our next quarterly. Payment can be made by mail or in person at SGES library.

#### QUARTERLY NEWS

Your articles are welcome by the editor, Nadine Ferguson. Guidelines were in the March Quarterly but just a reminder of some: No formatting such as footnotes, bold print, double spacing. Please spell out the names of the months, counties and states. Sources will be listed at the end of the article.

The deadline for the March Quarterly is February 10th. We need time to edit and get the material organized for printing.

You may submit your articles by email to:  
jonadineferguson@aol.com.

Queries are welcome. We have a nationwide mailing list and somewhere out there a relative is waiting to be found. Thanks for your cooperation. Nadine

#### LOCAL NEWS AND HISTORY

This newsletter contains data of interest locally. If you have found a new source, or have interviewed someone of interest to us, please give us an item for the newsletter.

#### 2008 Officers

President	Elizabeth "Betty" Reed
1st Vice President	Weymouth "Bud" Reed
2nd Vice President	Carl "Skip" Brown
Recording Secretary	Shirley Douglas
Corresponding Secretary	Dorothy Skinner
Treasurer	Fay Doling
Historian	Karen Rhodes



Hey! Have you heard the motto for the year!

**RESEARCHING FAMILY HISTORY  
will be great at SGENS in 2008**

---

**The Southern Genealogist's  
Exchange Society, Inc  
P O Box 2801  
Jacksonville, FL 32203-2801**