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From the President

Wow! We are still humming about the spectacular seminar in March when Lisa Arnold represented Ancestry.com and shared a day of learning with all present. From this great day, I have a news flash to share with those who did not hear the exciting announcement at Ancestry Day. The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society, Inc., has chosen to sponsor: Ancestry's World Archives Project.

Jacksonville City Directories

You may have some questions upon hearing this information.

How do I participate?

To get started, simply download the free Ancestry.com World Archives Project tool and follow the steps provided.

Visit www.ancestry.com/worldarchivesproject
<http://www.ancestry.com/s36809/t14334/rd.ashx>

What are the benefits for the SGES?

1. The SGES logo placed on the Ancestry web site when accessing the Jacksonville Florida City Directory indexing project which translates to promotion and recognition of SGES.

2. A copy of the completed digital images to place on our "members' only area" of our own SGES web site.

3. The opportunity to actively help preserve the world's records.

Will I benefit personally? The answer is a resounding YES! Then, how?

1. SGES members will have access to the Jacksonville City Directory images at the SGES library.

2. Active indexers (those that key 900 records in 90 days) receive access to ALL World Archive images.

3. Active indexers with Ancestry subscriptions get a 15 percent discount on their World Deluxe subscription or 10 percent on a U.S. subscription.

4. Once again, the personal satisfaction of knowing you are working with others, worldwide, to keep records available for future generations.

As your president, I want to strongly encourage each and every one of you to explore the opportunity to contribute to this project. The summary of events doesn't end here.

We are an Ancestry Affiliate! We previously mentioned this to you in an initial email announcement. Go to the SGES website, www.sgesjax.com and join Ancestry. Com by clicking on the banner to build a tree. SGES society receives a reimbursement from

Ancestry because you were directed from our website.. Perhaps you are considering ordering a poster, a calendar, a book, or anything from the Ancestry store. Go to the SGES website and enter our bookstore; click on the Ancestry banner and SGES gets credit. All you have to remember is to go to Ancestry through the SGES website.

More news

The Sons of the American Revolution regarding the National Meeting invited SGES to send speakers to Atlanta, Ga. in July 2009.

Karen Rhodes and Jim Vearil will represent SGES in the genealogy presentation on July 3. It is an honor and a privilege to be invited to speak before this patriotic group. Congratulations to both Karen and Jim as they symbolize the superior research skills of our members.

Spring Seminar

My writing today dances on the perimeter of the Spring Seminar and Genealogy Fair. We are thrilled we can partner again with the Jacksonville Public Library as Jana Sloan Broglin comes to Jacksonville for your learning experience.

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Hats Off to You: (The Elves in the Library)

By Betty Reed

Carla Mellott for providing a long-needed security motion light at the front of our SGES library. We have a motion light in the rear of the building but we did not provide for the front at the same time a little more than a year ago. Now we are well covered. Thank you.

Ed Murfin is the guy to thank for installation of the lights both front and back. With our combined talents, we function for the better society.

How about **George Thomas**? I went to the library the other day to find a new hard drive back up donated. George had already set it up for a new obituary search function which the librarian can retrieve lots of data for us. More to come later on this.

We did mention last time but I want to mention again ... a major contribution by **Mike Lawson**. Mike donated a computer tower (newer than any of ours) and a laptop barely used for future use in the library.

And, **Keys Rhodes**. Keys is our in-house computer security and he wipes the disks and re-configures the computers for our use.

You go guys!(and girls)

Ancestry Seminar Subscription Winner

Linda McCook is the grand prize winner of the Ancestry membership subscription from Ancestry.

We will recognize her at the May meeting. Congratulations!

The Rest of the Story

By Betty Reed

Ancestry Day was a success due to the dedication and the commitment of all the wonderful volunteers. They arrived early, worked hard and stayed late to clean up afterward. I can not say enough about each of you who pitched in to accomplish the tasks. It was tremendous to have the quantity and quality of volunteers present and you made the day happen. Thank you for your willingness to help and a job well done.

Two people deserve special recognition: Bill and Anita Jones. They arranged the facility at Riverside Presbyterian Church. Both were extremely diligent in following through with multiple details of room arrangements, speaker needs, etc. But there are always circumstances of which others are unaware. So, we will pull the curtain back and let you view another part of the day. When reservations were made last year, we reserved Bittinger Hall, which would hold about 100 people. As the number of registrants grew, it was apparent we would need a larger space. However, the room in Kissinger Hall was booked by college students in town on their spring break. The students were from all parts of the United States and were giving their time to help Jacksonville's Habitat for Humanity. They were sleeping on the floor in Kissinger Hall on

borrowed mattresses and using the showers and kitchen in the hall. They were scheduled to depart the day of our seminar. One option was to set up registration, book tables, and food in Bittinger and meet in the Sanctuary of the church. Then, the Wednesday before our seminar, Bittinger had a major water leak. Ceiling tiles fell as water came gushing from above and fell to the floor, flooding the carpet and room. All church hands were busy with the emergency. The option for us changed again. Kissinger was a perfect meeting place in room size, audio/visual, kitchen, bathrooms, etc but students needed the room. With much co-operation from the church and the leaders, they agreed we could use Kissinger Hall but could not access the room until 9 a.m. Saturday morning (when the seminar began) as students would leave early but would require time to pack up and get out. So while you were waiting outside and wondering why you couldn't get in the hall, students were busily rushing to exit. Then a quick touchup to manage the room and tables were set up for seating. All this and you were present! The change-over was executed with the precision timing of a military operation with much thanks to Bill Jones, who maintained the on-going transfer of people. As you were seated, all was calm, cool and collected. Now you know, ... the rest of the story. Hats off to the Joneses and to Riverside Presbyterian Church for extraordinary co-operation.

The Internet is Coming to SGES

Thanks to the donation of a member who asked to remain anonymous, the SGES library will have wireless high-speed Internet service.

The gift provides for the service for two years, during which

time SGES will evaluate its use in the library. And an Ancestry online account has been donated by Ancestry/The Generations Network.

We extend our gratitude for both of these kind and generous gifts.

Calling all Descendants of Those Buried in Gravely Hill Cemetery

By Linda Rosenblatt

Our members continue working on the grounds of this old cemetery and are constantly on the search for anyone who has ancestors buried there. There are many unmarked graves. We would like to identify those if possible. Over the years this cemetery has suffered much vandalism. Some markers have been damaged or completely removed. Any data you can share will be greatly appreciated.

If you know of a grave that is not marked, we may be able to help obtain a marker. We have found buried markers too. Some of these may need to be put in the proper place.

The property has been approved as a "Historic Site" by the city. Many of the old trees should

be removed to prevent their falling and damaging the existing markers.

Over the years much confusion has been involved between "Gravely Hill" and "Riverside Memorial Park Cemetery." The history of "Gravely Hill" is most interesting and is available at the SGES Library. "Gravely Hill" is located inside "Riverside Memorial Park." It is the original cemetery and was considered a family burial plot, with the understanding that any Civil War veteran could be buried there.

Names and histories of those buried there will be cherished. Please help. You may reach me via cell phone 333-8324, or Jon Ferguson at 388-8959.

Linda is president of Gravely Hill Friends.

Welcome New Members

Louise Sullivan
 Mary Sanderstrum
 Georia Sanders
 Peggy Robinson
 Sandra Roberts
 Judith Lepoma
 Lawrence LeChance
 Charlene Taylor Hill
 Chris Galbreath
 April and Ellis King
 Mary, Cheever
 Joan M. Baron
 Thelma R. Mealman
 Desmond Waters III
 Richard and Laura Minor
 Thelma Jack and Ted Jones
 Clem L. Harper
 Mary Troutman
 Linda Tucker
 Barbara McGinnis and

Nancy Coursey
 Emily Liska
 Ann Thompson
 Diane Thomas
 Pauline Hollifield
 Patsy Bryant
 Marjorie Ann Broward
 Cathy Tarver
 Constance Kaprocki
 Barbara Sheuerer
 Mandarin Museum
 Shannon Palmer
 Melvin Yost
 Fred A. Dunkley
 Shirley Roberson
 Pamela and Donald Moore
 Donna Burke Prevatte
 Elaine and Keith Falt
 Henry B. Stewart
 John Wayne McCrae

Call for Quarterly Articles

By Anne M. Johnson

The deadline for submitting an article for SGES's second quarterly of the year is May 20.

If you need help writing your story, please call or e-mail Anne M. Johnson at 904-215-2883 or aofjax@bellsouth.net.

I will be more than happy to walk you through an idea, help you write, or aid in anyway possible.

Researching your ancestors is just part of the genealogy equation; bringing them to life on paper is the other part. And besides, all of your family and friends will be so proud to learn that you are an author!

Perhaps you aren't comfortable writing the story. Then consider submitting original copies of vital records or military records and the like. All of your hard work will more than likely help someone else. And that's what genealogy is all about: sharing and meeting new "cousins."

If the deadline is too soon, consider working toward the third quarter. That deadline is August 15.

Submission Guidelines

◆ If possible, use Microsoft Word. If you do not have MS Word, save your work as "text only."

◆ Do not double space between words, sentences or paragraphs.

◆ Do not use bold-face, italic or underlined type.

◆ Do not format tables or indents or use any other formatting devices.

◆ Use your own voice! Write as if you are talking to a friend.

◆ Be sure to include sources for factual information.

◆ If you have good quality photos or documents, such as vital records, either scan them, or have a clean copy made for us to scan.

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SGES May Meeting

We will host Lynn Corley as the guest speaker at our May monthly meeting.

She spoke to us about a year ago and presented a high quality snippet at the March seminar to prepare you for an outstanding power point discussion on Jean Ribault.

Plan to attend on Saturday, May 9, 10:15 a.m., Mandarin Regional Library, 3330 Kori Road. So much is happening, so see you at the meeting with more to share.

Postage Rates

By Jon R. Ferguson

Our quarterlies are mailed with "Bulk Rate" Postage. All other mail requires "First Class" Postage. Therefore, members who renew after the March quarterly has been mailed may either pick up their issue at the library or remit an additional \$3.00 to cover postage and handling. This was discussed at the April board meeting. New members joining after the March issue has been mailed will receive theirs in the New Member Packet either handed to them or mailed "first class."

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Evergreen Cemetery Needs Transcription Volunteers

The transcription of burial records at Evergreen Cemetery continues, but is very slow due to the lack of volunteers for typing. Of the estimated 77,000 burials in the

cemetery, approximately 55,000 have been transcribed. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Charlene Schmidt at 353-3649.

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