



LEGACY

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From the President

Summer is here in full force. It has heated up outside and SGES has heated up with much going on to share with you. Initially, let's discuss the library. When you walk into SGES it is cool! It is so wonderful to get out of the car, feel the heat and then experience the coolness of the library. It makes you thankful to research. What is exciting are the new members who have recently come to the library. Let me share some quotes:

"This place is wonderful. I can't believe all the information I have found."

"You would never know you have this resource tucked away here."

"I'm so glad I found you'll."

These are a few of the comments and they are repeated often. Make sure you are coming by and making the most of your membership. New books are added every week for your continued research enjoyment. **Carla Mellott**, our librarian, works hard at that task. **Shirley Douglas** adds to the process with book reviews.

Have you heard of value-added pricing? We have value added membership for you. Two laptops are available at SGES for member-only usage. We are wireless! Librarians are in training to

help you with new resources. Do you have your own laptop and would like to learn how to connect in the library? **Keys Rhodes**, our computer administrator, is offering specific times, on Saturday, to assist you at the library. This is done individually. Now, this is a value-added service: personal help with your laptop connection. And, unlike public networks, SGES is a secure connection. Once the connection is established on your laptop, you will be able to automatically connect when you come to SGES in the future! We maintain a simple one-time log of your computer name, so our administrator can monitor that connections remain secure.

Are you interested in obituaries? Would you like to find one easily? SGES now has over 70,000 obituaries in the library ranging in dates from 2004 to 2008. This is a total, consistent database from Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, and Duval counties in Florida, and Charlton County, Georgia. In addition, starting in the 1800s, around 1850 through 2003, we have many more obituaries in the collection. In 2009, as our county grows, the work has been concentrated on Duval County. Our volunteers record daily on an ongoing basis. This work has

mainly been accomplished, single-handed through one of our members, **George Thomas**. Adding to his efforts this year, **Ed Murfin**, **Mike Lawson** and **Becky Frisbee** have jumped onboard to help as well. George is stepping back a degree from the major undertaking of the past. We cannot thank George enough for his contribution in time and energy. George is one of our unsung heroes. What a deep commitment George has displayed. This is the type of devotion, I believe, that makes SGES stand out. Our family history community is indebted to George and many others like him.

Perhaps your interest lies in cemeteries. Our cemetery liaison, **Jon Ferguson**, is on duty every Thursday at the library. Jon is a local expert in the 125 cemeteries in Duval County and more than 300 in the surrounding communities. Jon has personally transcribed 44 cemeteries in Duval County. This translates to over 5,318 graves, and he has collected more than 1,700 obituaries of occupants of the gravesites. It doesn't stop there. Jon, along with **Mike Lawson**, have two cemeteries listed in your June 2009 Quarterly. The total continues to grow. Our work

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New Library Additions

FR-A11 Allen
 FR-S22 Scott
 FR-S23 Smiley
 FR-G16 Geiger
 FR-A12 Addison
 FL-174 North Prong and Oak Grove Cemetery Baker Co. Updated
 FL-175 Woodlawn Cemetery Baker Co. Updated
 FL-232 South Prong Cemetery Baker Co. Updated
 FL-236 Taylor and Manntown Cemetery Baker Co. Updated
 FL-237 Cedar Creek and Turner Cemetery Baker Co. updated
 FL-255 Cemeteries of Baker County updated
 FL-256 Macedonia Cemetery Baker Co. Updated
 FL-390 I am Grey Eyes
 FL-391 History of Volusia Co Fl
 FL-392 Red Blood, White Lies
 FL-393 Duplicate Original Abstract of Title to Parts of Avondale
 FL-394 Survey of Taylor Co FL Cemeteries
 FL-394.1 Corrections and Additions to Survey of Taylor Co FL Cemeteries
 FL-395 Taylor Co. Fl Marriage Records First 100 years Dec. 1857-Dec. 1957
 FL-396 Layette Co FL Marriage Records Aug. 1857-Oct. 1996
 GA-245.1 Personal Name Index to the Augusta Chronicle Vol. II 1800-1810
 GA-245.2 Personal Name Index to the Augusta Chronicle Vol. III 1811-1820
 GA-339.1 Tattnell Co GA Loose Papers Vol. 2 1846-1870
 GA-354 Georgia's Confederate Soldiers Who Died As Prisoners of War 1861-1865
 GA-355 Descriptive Inventory Number I, Records of the Georgia Prison Commission, 1817-1936
 GA-356 Wills and Deeds of Hall Co GA Court of Ordinary Will Book A 1837-1867 & 1868-1890; Will Book A-1 1890-1907
 GA-357 The Heritage of Hall Co GA 1818-1907
 GA 358 Camden Co GA Index to Unrecorded Marriage Record 1796-1865

LA-16 Gulf Coast Colonists French Families in 18th Century LA
 LA-17 LA Census Records Vol. I Avoyelles and Landry Parishes 1810-1820
 LA-17.1 LA Census Records Vol. II Iberville, Natchitoches, Point Coupee, Rapides Parishes 1810-1820
 SC-157 The Huguenots of Colonial SC
 TN-76 Sumner Co. TN Abstracts of Will Book 1 & 2 (1788-1842)
 NJ-25 West Jersey New Jersey Deed Records 1676-1721
 SR-281 The Sleuth Book For Genealogists
 SR-279 Quick Sheet Citing Ancestry.Com Databases and Images Evidence! Style
 SR-156 Researching Masonic Records (replacement)
 AA-101 The Royal Descents of 600 Immigrants to the American Colonies or the US
 FH-765.1 Christopher & Catherine McRae Addendum
 FH-1043 Our Wilson Family-William and Ann (Macky) Wilson Descendants
 WN-47 Black Confederates
 EF-230 British Origins of American Colonists 1629-1775
 WN-48 Strange Battles of the Civil War
 WN-49 Meade of Gettysburg
 WN-50 The History of the Irish Brigade
 WN-51 The Civil War
 SR-282 The Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook
 SR-283 Genealogy Textbook I
 SR-283.1 Genealogy Textbook II
 FL-397 Journal Of Melissa White Nov. 1898 Jacksonville
 FL-399 Tapestry-Zephyrhills An Anthology of Its History Through Education
 FL-400 Adventurers in FL History
 FL-401 Cemetery Transcription Arlington Park Cemetery
 FL-402 Timucuan Ecological And Historic Preserve Historic Resource Study
 FL-403 Florida Old Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Home 1927
 FL-403.1 Florida Old Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Home 1929
 FL-404 Lake City FL 150 years A Guide to the Sesquicentennial Celebration
 FH-1044 James William Stinchcomb
 FH-1045 The African-American Holt Family of Hardin Co. TN
 FH-1046 As much as we know....About the Fletchers and the Lees

FH-1047 The Satilla Roots of Greg Wainwright
 FH-1048 The Sawyer Families
 FH-1049 Descendants of John Murfin
 FH-1050 Chambers Family
 FH-1051 Knud Sorenson Bic (in Norway) or John Johnson (in USA)
 FH-1052 Descendants of Guillermo Lourcey
 FH-1053 The Ray Families of Maryland
 FH-1054 A Branch From the Green Tree
 FH-1055 In Place Through Time – Our Manry Line
 FH-1056 Daughtrey and some Connected Families of the South Vol I
 FH-1057 The Grahams of Pinewood
 FH-1058 Dixon A Pioneer Family in Florida
 FH-1059 The Dimons of Fairfield Connecticut A Family History
 FH-1060 Thomasson Traces – Lineages of the Thomasson Family 1677-1990 Vol I
 FH-1061 The Turknett Family Descendants of Jacob 1757-1816

New Members

If you see them at a meeting or in the library, please take a moment to welcome our newest members:

Gary K. Inghish
Geraldine Kohn
Elizabeth DuClose
Alice C. Cheatham
Brenda Darlyn Chandler Brubeck
Myra Rita Beck
George D. Walker
Zanda Wheeler
Bob and Janet Sikes
Latrell Pappy Mickler
Lyn Corley
Jim Bass
Janis and Charles Morehead
Eddie L. Mills

2009 Meeting Schedule

July 11 – Speaker: Miles Meyers of Family History Center, Arlington Branch
Topic: Recent developments at FamilySearch.org and upcoming releases they are beta testing.
Place: At Mandarin Regional Library, Kori Road.

August 8 – Speaker: Taryn Rodriguez of Beaches Historical Center
Topic: The Beaches Museum and Archival collection.
Place: Mandarin Regional Library, Kori Road.

September 12 – Speaker: Betty Reed of SGES
Topic: "Everyday Clues of Genealogy"
Place: Mandarin Regional Library, Kori Road.

October 10 – Family History Month, "Our Ancestor's Home Show"
Speaker: T.B.A.
Place: Mandarin Regional Library, Kori Road.

November 14 – Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
Place: Bono's Bar B-Q Beach Blvd. (Lunch)

December 5 – Christmas Social (1st Saturday of Month)
Covered Dish Luncheon.
Installation of 2010 Officers.

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goes on to insure our history. And those named above, with many others, continually feed SGES' growth.

Again and again I want to say, the reason that volunteers are not paid ... is because ... they are priceless. Thank you to every one of you.

Bake Sale /Yard Sale September 19th

You'll come! We need your assistance in this major annual event. As you know, our space is limited and this is how you can help. Planning is essential. Start now to select items you desire to donate (No clothes, please). Place a yard sale price sticker on the item and price. Stack in a box or corner of your garage. We will accept items on Friday, Sept. 18 priced and ready to go. Food items, no refrigeration needed, may be brought on Friday. Other items must be brought early Saturday morning. This is usually a large event as people in the area watch for our yard sale. We need workers for the day.

Volunteer. If you can not stay for the day, help for a portion. We need help Friday and Saturday. Normally, we are blitzed with shoppers and every person is needed to answer questions and monitor shoppers. Our scheduling purposefully placed this sale when it is cooler. This is the third Saturday of the month and our library will NOT be available for research on that day. You are the source of a successful sale. Plan now.

SGES Sends to Reps to SAR Congress

Proudly, we send to Atlanta from SGES, two speakers to represent our organization at the National Congress Sons of the American Revolution on July 3.

SAR conducts a genealogy

seminar during the Congress which hosts three speakers, two of whom will be from SGES: **Karen Rhodes** and **Jim Vearil**. It is a privilege and an honor to be invited.

God speed to Karen and Jim. You are sincerely wished our best as you bear our flag.

Are You A Trailblazer?

If you attended our last monthly meeting, you were asked the question, are you a trailblazer? What is a trailblazer as it applies to SGES?

All of the folks mentioned in the President's letter this month are trailblazers. They are making a difference for those who will follow. We need more people to step up and blaze ahead. We will teach you to index. We will teach you to assist in the library. We will teach you skills so that you might teach others.

Contact me president@sgejax.com or 904-778-1000 and share your interests. We will connect your interests to an endeavor that will reflect your dedication in times to come. One day a week or one day a month can and will be used. Certain undertakings permit operation from home. I look forward to working with you.

Congratulations!

Anita Jones has retired as of June as an elementary school teacher after many years of dedication to children and parents. Thank you Anita for trailblazing in the lives of our children.

Ancestry Indexing

Working with Ancestry.com starting in late March, we agreed to index the City Directories of Jacksonville. I am pleased to report the project is already 25 percent completed. Would you like to join in? Call 778-1000 to register for a Wednesday or Saturday class to get started. Bring your laptop or use ours for training, and then continue at home on your own computer.

Thank You To Our Donors

In recent months, the SGES Library has received many donations of research materials, equipment, and financial support.

A special "Thank You" is sent out to the following: Jon Ferguson, John Miller, John Bond, Amy G. Frydrych, Ann Parkinson, Ed Murfin, Herbert Carter, Bud and Betty Reed, Mike Lawson, Harry and Blanche McKay, Charles Kelly Barrow, Jerry Braddock, Martha L. Whitehouse, Dianna Privette, Pam Moore, Alex Wester, Kent Townsend, Shane Owens, John McCrae, Betty Jo Strickland, Robyn Smith, Karen Thomas, Calvin Hart, Patsy Bryant, Jo Ann Jenkins, Baker County

Historical Society by Exchange, Genealogical Publishing Company, Huxford Genealogical Society by Exchange and Hall County Library System by Exchange.

Phil and Sarah Quintin of Quintin Publications have donated another three boxes of books to our Library. Their generosity is most appreciated and we thank them.

There were some donations of research material for which no name of donor was attached. If your name is missing from the above, please notify us at librarian@sgesjax.com or call the library at 778-1000 and leave a message for the librarian.

2009 Officers

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