



The Geneline

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
Amelia Island Genealogical Society
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Coming Up!

AIGS General Meeting - January 20, 2009 7:00 pm



Remembering the Woman's Air Service Pilots (WASP)

Julia says, "I never knew the full spectrum of what my mother did in WWII other than she flew bombers". However, when the American Legion found out about her they responded with a celebrity status and put her in The Veterans Day Parade. Julia will be making a presentation about her mother Connie Young Reynolds and her role in WWII serving as a Woman's Air Service Pilot (WASP) complete with original uniform, jumpsuit and other memorabilia

About Julia Reynolds Nowlin

Julia Reynolds Nowlin was raised in Tallahassee, FL. moved to Fernandina Beach in 1976, married Larry Nowlin and they have two children, Austin and Autumn. In the 1980's Julia's Mother, Constance Young Reynolds would come for visits from Tallahassee and enjoyed golf, aviation and her grandchildren. It didn't take long before she became a full time resident and embraced the Fernandina Beach community.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is my pleasure to write my first "President's Message" for the Geneline. First and foremost, I want to thank out-going President, Bob Loveless, for his wise leadership over the past year and I look forward to working with him on the 2009 Board as he takes on his position as Past-President. I also want to thank Bert and Barbara Swearingen for their years of dedicated efforts on behalf of AIGS and the Board. I look forward to their continued involvement in our Society.

Let me also welcome new Board members:

Lori Miranda will serve the AIGS Board in the capacity of Secretary; Mike Toomey will join the Board as Vice President; Judy Bouchard will join the Board as Membership Chairman. I know they will bring fresh ideas to the Board and serve our Society well.

You may remember that when Bob Loveless joined the Board a year ago, he declared 2008 as "The Year of the Volunteer", and he encouraged each of you to become more involved in our Society. And I'm glad to report that 2008 saw an increase in involvement. Thanks to the efforts of Gloria Toomey and her cadre of volunteers, the Jones Cemetery in Callahan was surveyed and the information gathered in the survey was posted to our AIGS website for the benefit of all genealogists around the world. Great job, ladies and gentlemen! We also saw an increase in the number of volunteers extracting information from the historic newspapers of Nassau County on microfilm at the Fernandina Library. This project is far from done and I encourage many more of you to join us in this effort. Watch for more information on this project next month. And finally, we were treated to some wonderful programs at our monthly meetings, as several of our members volunteered to present informative and interesting programs.

While your continued volunteerism is needed, I'm also going to ask you for one more favor.

Our Society has seen a drop in membership over the past several years, from a high of 143 members to the final 2008 membership tally of 86. This of course has meant a proportional drop in income to our Society. The Board entertained the thought of raising dues to cover 2009 expenses, but decided against it at this time. So, I am calling on each and every one of you the GROW OUR SOCIETY. Many people are curious about their family history. Please encourage your neighbors or friends and relatives in the area to join our society. Tell them about the Beginner Genealogy Course coming up in January (see details about the course elsewhere in this newsletter).

**Wishing you a Happy New Year
and a fruitful year of family history research!**

Marie Santry



Don't Miss! AIGS 5-Week Genealogy Course BEGINS JANUARY 10TH

Once again, AIGS will be offering a five-week Genealogy Course beginning Saturday, January 10, through Saturday, February 7, 2009.

The Course will consist of FOUR sessions on Saturdays from 10 am to 12 noon at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall on N. 6th Street. Those Saturday sessions will occur on Jan. 10th, 17th, 31st, and Feb 7th (Note: NO session on Jan. 24th). There will be an additional evening week-night session (date not yet determined) from 7 pm to 9 pm at the FCCJ campus Computer Lab in Yulee. Topics for the course include Census and Civil Vital Records; Church and Cemetery Records; Courthouse, Military, Immigration and Naturalization Records; effective use of Libraries and Archives; Organizational techniques; Internet Research; and general techniques to maximize your research successes.

If you are just BEGINNING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY SEARCH, or have decided to RAMP UP YOUR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH and need a REFRESHER COURSE in order to become a more savvy researcher, this is the course for you.

If you are a member of AIGS, the fee for the course is just \$10, which covers the cost of materials you will receive. If you have a neighbor or friend who has expressed an interest in genealogy, help grow the society's membership by letting them know about this course. The fee for non-members is \$30 for an individual (includes materials and a one-year single AIGS membership) and \$45 for a couple (includes materials and a one-year family membership).

**You may register for the course by calling Marie Santry at 321-3460
or EMAILING her at mcsantry@comcast.net.**

FLORIDA STATE CENSUSES Now on Ancestry.com

Take note if your ancestors lived in Florida: The subscription genealogy site Ancestry.com has added a collection of several Sunshine State censuses: 1867, 1875, 1885, 1935 and 1945 (these last two can help fill in gaps after the latest federal census open to researchers in 1930).

These records total 3.8 million

names—some of which may sound familiar, such as actress Faye Dunaway, a 4-year-old in 1945; former attorney general Janet Reno, who lived in Dade County at age 6 in 1945; and NASCAR founder William France, Sr., a Daytona auto mechanic in 1935.

Not all states took censuses, but where they're available, they're great for researching between federal censuses. State censuses

taken around 1890 can substitute for that missing federal census. Find a state-by-state list of state censuses here. Records are usually on microfilm at the state archives or library, as well as at the Family History Library (you can borrow the film through a Family History Center near you).

Ancestry.com has censuses from states besides Florida, including Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, New York and others.



2009 Spring Genealogical Seminar

Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc.
PO Box 60756
Jacksonville, FL 32236
<http://jvsgen.home.comcast.net>
Email: jvsgen@comcast.net
Phone: 904-781-9380

Date: 28 February 2009

Time: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Place:

Crown Point Baptist Church
10153 Old St. Augustine Rd.
Jacksonville, FL 32257

-free parking

-handicap accessible

Directions: Take I-295 to Old St. Augustine Road, Exit 3. Turn North and go 3 miles (go past Hartley/Hood Rd). Watch for church sign on right-hand side. Turn into driveway and go to the back of the church. The church is next to Tillman's Meat Market.

Cost:

JGS Member \$30.00

Non-member: \$35.00

Price includes lunch if registration is postmarked by 18 Feb 2009

After 18 Feb 2009, no refunds; however, a syllabus will be given.

Amy Larner Giroux, CGSM, CGLSM

Genealogy lecturer, author, and researcher

Amy Larner Giroux, CG, CGL, is a professional genealogical researcher, lecturer and writer, specializing in New York City and the Lower Hudson Valley. She is an award-winning author with articles published in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Society Record*, the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*, and *The Genealogist* (ASG). Amy is a past Trustee for BCG, faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, and treasurer of the Florida Chapter of APG. She is webmaster for BCG, APG, the Ohio Genealogical Society, and the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History.



Topics:

- **Cemetery Research – A City of Stones** – Walking a cemetery's stones to find your ancestor's grave can be a rewarding experience. Learn how to locate your ancestor's burial site.
- **Pre-1850 Census Research – Determining Parentage** – How do you determine parentage from early records when no direct evidence exists? A case study using the Genealogical Proof Standard will show you how to analyze the evidence found in pre-1850 census records to help determine parental relationships.
- **Listen to the Land – Understanding Your Ancestor's Property Records** – You may not find a lot of names, birth dates, or vital record information in property deeds. However, you can determine relationships and other helpful items from property records.
- **Internet Research Techniques and Resources** – The Internet has become a virtual library for most researchers. There are innumerable sites containing genealogical and historical data. Each site usually has a search engine. Learn how to get the results you want and to find out more information than just names and dates.

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Registration must be postmarked by 18 Feb 2009 to have lunch included. Lunch cannot be guaranteed after that date.

Make check payable to JGS, Inc.

Mail registration form and check to:
Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc.
Attn: Seminar Registration
P. O. Box 60756
Jacksonville, FL 32236-0756

Amelia Island Genealogical Society
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2009

SINGLE DUES \$20 ____ or FAMILY (2) DUES \$25 ____

Place a check above indicating type of membership and fill in the rest of the form.
Make your check payable to Amelia Island Genealogical Society

Mail it with this completed application form to:

AIGS, P.O. Box 6005, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035-6005

FULL NAME: _____

MAIDEN SURNAME: _____ (Optional)

If applying for a family membership, please provide the name of the 2nd Household Member

2nd FAMILY MEMBER NAME: _____

Street: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____
(AIGS Monthly publication *Geneline* sent to your email address)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Membership includes:

*The monthly AIGS newsletter *The Geneline* (comes to you through your email address or mailed if you don't have email.

* A quarterly journal *The Nassau County Genealogist*, distributed at AIGS meetings. If you are not present at the monthly meetings, all four (4) quarterlies will be mailed to you in December.

Visit our Website: <http://www.aigensoc.org/>

Find Information about Amelia Island Genealogical Society

Access old and new GENELINES.

A special reminder to our members: GENELINE is your Society's publication.

Each member is encouraged to contribute material to it

All GENELINE articles are indexed by PERSI

Send GENELINE comments & submissions to Frances Bartelt - Francesbartelt@gmail.com

The Amelia Island Genealogical Society

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The Society's Library Collection is housed in the Fernandina Beach Library

The membership packet includes AIGS information and all current year issues of Society's quarterly

The Nassau County Genealogist, and the GENELINE, AIGS's monthly newsletter.

Family history research training is offered through classes, workshops and ongoing programs

Membership dues are \$20.00 per person and \$25.00 per two-person family.

The membership year is January 1st through December 31st

To join, send application form, along with the appropriate fee to:

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To print an membership application or for more information check our web site:

<http://www.aigensoc.org/aigs/meetings.asp/>