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COMING UP!

AIGS General Meeting

Tuesday- August 17th 2010 at 7:00 PM

HELD: FERNANDINA BEACH POLICE DEPT. COMMUNITY ROOM

Speaker: Karen Jessee

*Senior Librarian in Genealogy & Family History
Jacksonville Public Library*

Topic: Finding Ancestors in Maritime Records

Karen's talk will be about how to find you ancestors in various maritime records. She will discuss how and where to find these records and how they can be used in your genealogy research. The principal records of genealogical interest in her discussion include among others: **Passenger Arrival Records, Seaports and Sailing Vessels.**



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About Karen Jessee

Our speaker for August 17, 2010 meeting of the Amelia Island Genealogical Society is Karen Jessee. Currently she is senior Librarian in the Genealogy and Family History Section at the Jacksonville Public Library.

Her exposure to genealogy began early in life since she both her mother's families and father's families had oral historians. Her formal studies in genealogy began as part of her undergraduate coursework in Anthropology at the University of Florida. She has continued with her interest in genealogy including researching and finding evidence for family histories.

Karen earned Instructor tenure at Florida State University after completing her MLS and AMD degrees. Most recently she received her certified Public Library Administrator certification.

Message from the AIGS President

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I can't believe that it is already August. The Amelia Island Genealogical Society is having a good year. Our membership is up; we now have 113 members. Our project of extracting obit and death information from historic Nassau County newspapers is moving along nicely. The earliest newspapers on microfilm at the Fernandina Library are dated 1878. We currently have posted on our website, www.aigensoc.org/obituaries.asp, extracted obit data from all available issues through 1952. Our volunteers are busy working on 1953 through 1965. I want to thank all of our members who are diligently working on that project: Mike and Gloria Toomey, Kay Watt, Patti Sanders, Benny Benzel, Lori Miranda, Elaine Strickland, Maribell Peterson, Gus Reinwald, Cindy Glenn, Rebeka Hurd, Teen Peterson, and Claire Shepherd.

We have another project in the planning stages and we will need your help. 2011 is the 200th anniversary of the platting of the original Fernandina by the Spanish. Today, we call it "Old Town" at the north end of Amelia Island, just past Bosque Bello Cemetery. As part of the celebration, we will be mounting a Bosque Bello Cemetery tour - complete with tour guides and costumed presenters who will tell the stories of some of Old Town's early residents. The event is scheduled for April 2nd, 2011, but there is much to do in preparation. This is a fund raiser for your society, so that we can continue to support our genealogical library, programs, and databases that we partially fund at the Fernandina Beach Public Library. Of course, we will need tour guides and costumed presenters, and general organizational help for the event. But we also need behind-the-scenes help, including volunteers to help with soliciting sponsors and advertisers, designing and putting together the program/brochure, and other important tasks to make this a professional and memorable event. This will be the 3rd cemetery tour that will be produced by AIGS. We hope that each of you will step forward and volunteer to help in some way. Please email me at mcsantry@comcast.net or see me at our next meeting and let me know that you are willing to contribute to the success of this upcoming endeavor.

Finally, I also wanted to give you advanced notice concerning the next Florida State Genealogical Conference to be held in Sarasota, FL November 12-13, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency. This two-day conference gives you the opportunity to attend sessions with nationally-recognized speakers on a variety of genealogical topics. Look for more information with a detailed schedule of topics in our next Geneline.

**Wishing you success in your family history search,
Marie Santry**

Grampa Still in My Pocket Genealogy on a Smart Phone

By Betty Jo Stockton



Pocket Genealogist Leader in Genealogist Software For Smart Phones

A number of years ago, I wrote an article entitled “Grampa in My Pocket” – about the PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) that I carried with all my genealogical data on it. With this, a pencil and a small notepad, I had everything I needed for research in a library or research facility. Unfortunately, time and technology marches on and that PDA is now obsolete. Today’s computers won’t run the software to transfer the data and the device is no longer on the market.

All is not lost, however. The new smart phones have even more capabilities and have let me get Grampa back into my pocket again. What’s more, they do so much more than the PDA did. It’s almost unbelievable what a smart phone can do.

Smart phones fall into several distinct groups. No system can use programs designed for another system. Any choice of genealogy program for a phone is totally dependent on the phone’s operating system. A website dealing with all this is www.mobilegenealogy.com. CFGS [Central Florida Genealogical Society Webmaster, Paul Enchelmayer writes “Before the iPhone, Android, and Blackberry, there was, and

is, Windows Mobile (soon to be renamed “Windows Phone”). Windows Mobile is Microsoft’s operating system for smart phones, phones that also handle Internet and computer programs. I have an HTC “Tilt” phone from AT&T which uses Windows Mobile 6.1 system for Internet and data management. It is a couple of years old, but reliable (A current model is the HTC “Pure”).

I use Pocket Genealogist from Northern Hills Software. It has too many features to list them all, but here are a few.

- Will accept GeDCoM from any genealogy software program.
- Direct 2-way synchronization with the following genealogy software databases (i.e. no GedCom needed).
- Legacy Family Tree Versions 5 thru 7
- Master Genealogist Versions 5 thru 7
- Roots Magic Versions 2 thru 4
- Ancestral Quest Versions 11 and 12
- Personal Ancestral File (PAF) and Family Tree Maker (FTM) (pre-version 2010) using the Pocket Genealogist PAF/FTM Add-on. (Note: FTM 2010 direct support coming soon.
- Will accept and display pictures (images) from most genealogy software programs.
- Works with touchscreen and non-touchscreen devices.
- Works with all versions of Windows Mobile through version 6.5 (all PC versions through Windows 7).

My main use of the Pocket Genealogist is for onsite (face-to-face) discussions with relatives and fellow research in my trees. I have not used many of the features it offers and perhaps will someday (GPS coordinates for locations, Soundex calculator, coordinates converter, etc.) I have used it through many versions for at least 7 years and it works well, looks good, and is fairly simple to maneuver. There is a free version available, but it lacks many of the advanced features. It's good enough for a trial though, to see if it works for you. Full version with all the bells and whistles is \$35. Add-on available for PAF and FTM mentioned above is \$10.

Besides AT&T's HTC smart phones, another popular smartphone is the Blackberry, but as far as I can tell, there is no genealogical software written for its operating system. The best suggestion I've found is to upload your GedCom file to Rootsweb and then you can view it in your Blackberry's web-browser.

The iPhone, of course, is an Apple smartphone. It can run several genealogy programs. These are Shrubs, FamViewer, GedView, Reunion and MobileFamilyTree. Most of these are GedCom viewers, allowing you to carry all of your data with you, but not add to it or edit it. Ancestry.com has just issued an application to allow those with ancestry accounts and online trees to access them on the iPhone. If you own an Apple Mac running Reunion genealogy software and use Reunion on an iPhone as well, it will automatically synch information to both computer and phone. With your iPhone, you can update your genealogical data on-the-road.

My new phone is the Android Incredible, which is one of the newest on the market. I must admit that it is smarter than I am. I'd recommend that every smart phone should come with a 17 year-old boy to help set it up. (I'll rent you mine, cheap). I'll probably never use even half of the capabilities of the phone, but what I'm using is really great. The best program for the Android is called Family Bee - it's pretty much the only one out there at this writing. I must admit to some personal bias; it was written by my son with genealogical input from me. Since it's the one I know, I'll use it as an

example of what the an Android smart phone can do for the genealogist.

First - all of my genealogical data is in Family Bee, including notes, sources, family group sheets, and pedigree trees. It's easy to access and always in my pocket. I export my data from my PAF or FamilyTree Maker software in GedCom format, then I quickly transfer it to the phone over the internet or through a USB connection. It is essentially a genealogy viewer. The newest update allows you to add notes and to use the phone's camera to record images which are emailed back to your home computer. I've photographed pages of information in the library as well as tombstones at the cemetery. Adding notes lets me document the findings, as well as make notes to myself as to what I might do next. Then, when I get home, I incorporate those notes and photos into my genealogical data i.e. FamilyTree Maker or PAF. By have the data "editable" only on my home computer, I can be sure that the data there is always up-to-date. If I need to update my tree on the phone, I just create a new GedCom and transfer it to the phone. My tree on the phone contains more than 11,000 names, with all the information I've recorded on them. In addition to this, these smart phones run other interesting "apps" - applications that can be downloaded to the phone. Many are free; very few cost over \$10. I carry a database to which I've added a German Genealogical Dictionary. Another app has the Dewey call numbers for everything genealogical in the library. Another app securely encrypts a "safe file" which holds the myriad passwords that I can't remember.

I use the built-in 8 mega-pixel high speed camera to record almost anything, from documents to headstones to old pictures. There is a voice recorder, if I want to take verbal notes. I can access anything on the internet as well as send and retrieve email and text messages. The built-in GPS not only gets me where I need to go, but lets me record the exact location of that elusive church or cemetery. As I do my morning walk, with the GPS monitoring my distance and speed, I can listen to podcasts of "The Genealogy Guys" or "Dear Myrtle" learning the latest about genealogical research.

The phones are not cheap, since they're essentially very tiny computers, but often are within reason if you sign a two-year service contract. Most require a data plan which is an additional \$20-\$30 monthly on top of your normal cell phone bill. But I've only had my new Android smart phone for two weeks and I already can't image being without it.

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