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COMING UP!

AIGS General Meeting

Tuesday- September 21 at 7:00 PM

HELD: FERNANDINA BEACH POLICE DEPT. COMMUNITY ROOM

Speaker: Karen Rhodes

Topic: Navigating the National Archives Website

Karen's talk will be about how to use the National Archives website to find information about your ancestors. She will take us on a guided tour of the genealogically important portions of the large and highly complex NARA website. Her talk will cover guideposts for getting around the website and how to use "trail markers" to help keep them from getting lost. Emphasis will be on finding genealogically relevant document series, how to order copies (as well as cost), and how to access other related NARA information and publications.



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About Karen Rhodes

Our speaker for the September 21st 2010 meeting of the Amelia Island Genealogical Society is Karen Rhodes. She has presented programs for various groups interested in genealogy including one on Black Sheep Ancestors at a previous AIGS meeting. Karen has undertaken various roles in her lifetime including nursing and serving in the US Coast Guard where she started as a Yeoman Third Class and ended as a Lieutenant (JG) before leaving for medical reasons.

Now, in her early 60s, she is back in college working on a post baccalaureate degree in history and Spanish at the University of North Florida. She is currently conducting grant-funded research on the family structure of St Augustine during the Second Spanish Period (1783-1821).

Karen also is the author of the recently-published Non-Federal Censuses of Florida, 1784-1945: A Guide to Sources.

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Message from the AIGS President



Arriving at Ellis Island

I hope you enjoyed the August program by Karen Jessee on Maritime Records, presented at our General Meeting. In her gentle, southern-lady style, she gave us an overview of the various ports of arrival in the US and the records of our ancestors that may exist at those ports or State Archives - a reminder that not everything with respect

to immigration can be found on-line or at the National Archives. She also reminded us that there are departure records "across the pond" that may be useful in the search for our ancestors' emigration from the home country. Karen's program piqued my interest to see just what new or updated information may be out there with regard to the immigration/emigration of our ancestors and I came across several items of interest.

I found an article in a genealogical magazine announcing that the Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild had added an additional 1000 passenger lists to their site www.immigrantships.net. That brings the total on that site to over 11,000 lists, transcribed by volunteers. If you haven't checked this site out before or visited this site recently, you should. This site is known for their transcriptions of early colonial crossings that cannot be found elsewhere. The search box is near the top and on the left on the homepage.

If you have German immigrants, try www.germanroots.com, formerly the wee-monster website. Click on "Emigration and Immigration Records". From there, you can choose to look at sources of "Passenger Arrival Records" [Immigration] or "Passenger Departure Records" [Emigration]. I choose to look at the Departure Records to learn about the records which exist at the various German ports. Some of the links take you to on-line lists right there on their website, although some are un-alphabetized lists that you must browse through them. Other links take you to other websites that are searchable by surname. Some are free (e.g. even though ancestry.com is a subscription-pay website, the links take you to free databases within ancestry, like "The Wurttemberg Emigration Index." You do however have to register with ancestry for a free account. Still other links give you information on what non-online records exist at various German ports.

**Wishing you success in your family history search,
MARIE SANTRY**

Portable devices using GOOGLE ANDROID OPERATING SYSTEM for Genealogy

BY MIKE TOOMEY - AIGS WEBMASTER

There is a strong trend in computing both toward completely mobile devices and to simpler operating systems which more effectively use the internet. These devices are of interest to genealogists because of their portability, long battery life and connectivity. Apple pioneered this originally with the iPhone, and later with the iPad, a complete computer small in size with a simplified operating system. I have a number of friends, who have iPads, and they love them, they are simple, fast (because they use semiconductor memory) and have excellent human interface. Several of my contacts say they have completely left their Laptop or Desktop because of the convenience of the portable device. A number of genealogy programs have already been written for the iPad, including Reunion of iPad, GedView, iHeritage and Mobile FamilyTree, and five more developed for the iPhone will work on the new system as well.

There is a new technology, a competitor Apple using the Android operating system developed by Google. Android is based on the ultra-reliable Unix operating system with a clever human interface and very high resolution screens which are easy on the eyes. So far, most of the hardware developed is in the telephone category, but Dell and Acer have announced iPad competitors, and a number of other manufacturers have announced plans for an Android tablet, including Cisco systems. My son-in-law recently purchased a Nexus one phone manufactured by HTC of Taiwan, and I was very impressed. While it is a phone, it is much more than that. Like Apple, Google has opened their system to outside software developers, and thousands of Android applications have already been developed which make this useful. Additionally Google's vision (like Apple's) is to link both applications on the mobile device to the Internet to provide a rich set of support for the mobile user. Useful applications for genealogists include: a GPS for locating research sites and even individual graves; full Internet access from any location so you have full power of the Internet with you at all times; capability to view JPEG files and photographs which you might have or find in your search; capability to download and read documents from Google books (or others); to read and download PDF files; and the ability to prepare documents, spreadsheets and presentations. Google has developed Google docs, an online program including a word processor, spreadsheet, presentation and drawing software (so you could take notes, prepare spreadsheets and presentations completely online from wherever you are), and Microsoft now has MS Office light available the same way. Internet which typically costs an additional \$15 to \$30 per month. But if you are on the go, these make a terrific research assistant, which will become even stronger as the new Android tablet manufacturers bring products to the market. Both applications are free.

Now, there are already two genealogy applications written especially for Android today with more to come. The two existing are: Family Bee, and AGeneDB. Both will accept your genealogy data as GEDCOM files either through a USB connection, through a Wi-Fi connection or by email, and both can export GEDCOM files back to your computer. Family Bee is the most sophisticated at this stage, provides good functionality especially for use in a research environment, but has a cost of \$10.00. AGeneDB is not as well developed but at least at this writing is free software.

So, Android devices are becoming an alternate to Apple's iPhone and iPad, with a growing number of useful applications, full on the go internet support, as well as communications capability. HTC, Motorola and Samsung are the leading manufacturers of the touch screen phone size devices and all have excellent products. The iPad competitors are just beginning to appear.

Now, there is a cost for all of this functionality. The phones are expensive (typically \$200 with a two year service subscription from one of the major mobile suppliers), and you have to sign up for mobile internet which typically costs an additional \$15 to \$30 per month. But if you are on the go, these make terrific research assistants, which become even stronger as the new Android tablet manufacturers bring products to the market.

FLORIDA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

November 12-13, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota, on Sarasota Bay

1000 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota, Florida 34236

Ask for the Florida State Genealogical Society room rate of \$99 until November 4. For reservations, call 888-421-1442 or visit <http://flsgs.org> for a link directly to the hotel.

Keynote Speaker...

MAUREEN TAYLOR, the *PhotoDetective*

Maureen Taylor is an internationally recognized expert on the intersection of history, genealogy, and photography. She has been featured in many top media outlets. She is the author of a number of books and magazine articles, as well as a contributing editor at Family Tree Magazine. Ms. Taylor specializes in solving photo mysteries for clients and organizations, hence she has earned the title of "The Photo Detective." Conference attendees will be able to schedule private sessions for a nominal additional fee, as well as purchase autographed copies of Maureen's books. See <http://www.maurentaylor.com> for more information on our guest. Following are the lectures she will present:

- ✦ *How to Find Family Photographs on Line*
- ✦ *Discovering Genealogical Clues In Family Photographs*
- ✦ *The Last Muster: Photographs and Stories From the American Revolution*
- ✦ *Telling the Family Story—From DVDs to Self Publishing*

Main Speakers:

PAMELA J. COOPER	Pauline Flewett	Kim V. Garvey, MILS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ <i>Pensions of the Poor</i> ✦ <i>Did Someone Say the 1890 Census was Burned? What about...?</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ <i>Clues and Pitfalls of the British Census</i> ✦ <i>English Parish Chest Records</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ <i>Bring Out Your Dead: The Victorians, Funerals and Family History</i> ✦ <i>We Are All Atlanticists Now! Immigration & the Atlantic World Model</i>
Mark S. Middleton, PMP	Michael John Neill	Joanne Daerr Ryder
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ <i>Digital Archiving—An Overview</i> ✦ <i>The Art of Converting Media to Computer Files (Digitization)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ <i>Establishing Your Own Migration Trail</i> ✦ <i>Women, Inheritance and the Law</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ <i>The Migration of the German Peoples</i> ✦ <i>Finding Your German Ancestor</i>
Drew Smith	C. Ann Staley, CG SM , CGL SM	And More ...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ <i>Beyond Database Programs: Technology Tools to Help Manage Your Research</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ <i>The Twilight Zone...Strange Websites for Family History Websites</i> ✦ <i>The Florida Pioneer Recognition Program</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Vendor Hall, Book Signings & Society Exhibits ✦ Florida Pioneer and FSGS Awards Banquet ✦ APG Florida Chapter Ancestor Roadshow ✦ Door Prizes

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FSGS 2010 Conference Registration Form

Please print or type in black ink. Use a separate form for each person. This form may be duplicated.

Name (Print name as it should appear on badge, including maiden name if desired.) _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Registrations must be postmarked by **29 October 2010**. (Late fee is applicable after this date).

Make registration check payable to: "FSGS." (Your check is your receipt.)

Mail to: **Patricia Rand, 1038 Cottageville Ln, The Villages, FL 32162.** (Send SASE for a confirmation.)

After 1 November 2010, refunds will not be given.

Friday lunch is not to be missed! All lunch guests will be present for the live broadcast of the "Genealogy GuysSM Podcast." Order your ticket when you register!

I am the President of a Genealogical Society

I am a Librarian serving Genealogists

I am a Florida Pioneer Descendant

I am attending my first genealogy conference

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Current FSGS Member – I want to renew for 2011

New FSGS Member – 2011 Membership paid at time of registration entitles registrant to FSGS Member rates.

*Name for **Additional Meal** Guests:

FULL TWO-DAY REGISTRATION

(Includes Lectures, Friday Banquet & Saturday Lunch)

Postmarked by 29 October 2010

FSGS Member \$88.00 _____

Non-FSGS Member \$98.00 _____

Postmarked after 29 October 2010

FSGS Member \$98.00 _____

Non-FSGS Member \$108.00 _____

FRIDAY ONE-DAY REGISTRATION

(Does NOT include Friday Lunch or Banquet)

FSGS Member, lectures only \$40.00 _____

Non-Member, lectures only \$45.00 _____

SATURDAY ONE-DAY REGISTRATION

(Does NOT include Saturday Lunch)

FSGS Member, lectures only \$40.00 _____

Non-Member, lectures only \$45.00 _____

FRIDAY LUNCH TICKET

\$15.00 _____

MEALS FOR ADDITIONAL GUESTS

Friday Banquet (Adult)* \$35.00 _____

Friday Banquet (Child)* \$20.00 _____

Saturday Lunch* \$22.00 _____

2011 Individual Membership: \$25.00 _____

Each additional name(s) at same address: \$5.00 _____

Total Enclosed: _____

REGISTRATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY **29 OCT 2010** FOR SURNAMES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SYLLABUS. If you include your surnames with this registration, your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address will be included in the syllabus. *If you do not want this information made public, please do not submit any surnames.*

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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.

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

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

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