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Genealogy Newsletter

"In all of us there is a hunger, marrow deep, to know our heritage - to know who we are and where we came from. Without this enriching knowledge, there is a hollow yearning. No matter what our attainments in life, there is still a vacuum, an emptiness, and the most disquieting loneliness." -- **Alex Haley**, *Roots*

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Events

May 6

Bare Bones: An Introduction to Genealogy

Karen Rhodes presents an introduction to genealogy at the Argyle Branch Library, 7973 Old Middleburg Rd. South, at 7:00 p.m. on May 6. For more information, please call 573-3164.

May 10

The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society is pleased to bring to Jacksonville another experienced researcher. Come and meet Mrs. Patricia Barefoot of Quarantine Island, Georgia. She is the guest speaker on Saturday, May 10, 2008 at the Mandarin Regional Library, 3330 Kori Road, Jacksonville, Florida at 10:15 a.m. in the Community Meeting Room. She will bring information on "Chasing Family History in the Georgia Piedmont." No charge, open to the public, light refreshments served. For additional information, call 778-1000.

May 17

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting on May 17, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the Webb-Wesconnett Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, FL. This month we will have a "round table" discussion meeting for anyone with questions on solving their family history

research. Bring your questions and ideas to the meeting. Let everyone know what has worked for you in your research. For further information please contact Mary Chauncey at 781-9300.

June 14

Using the Family History Center

Learn about the Family History Center Library of the Latter-Day Saints located in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Family History Center (FHC) is an excellent genealogical online resource for information such as vital records, census data, family pedigree, land records, and many other record types. Search the FHC online library catalog to see their vast microfilm holdings and learn how to order microfilm via the Jacksonville Public Library. The class is on June 14th from 11:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m. in the Electronic Classroom on the 1st floor of the Main Library, 303 N. Laura Street. Seating is limited. Please call 630-2409 to reserve your space.

Ancestry Adds U.S. Passport Collection

Ancestry.com (Ancestry Library Edition for in-library users) recently added U.S. Passport Applications to its already large list of resources. The collection contains passport applications ranging from 1795 to 1925. The database is listed under Immigration and Emigration Records.

Even if your ancestors never traveled overseas or you can't find your person, browsing through the listings can be very enlightening and entertaining. The applications are fairly comprehensive in detail and description of the applicant, with some applications having the picture of the applicant that was submitted along with the application. You can view applications that cross the social spectrum, with some applications covering a span of years, as passports were issued for much shorter terms than they are today. If you don't have anyone to look for in your family, see if you can find Ernest Hemmingway's first passport application ever. He submitted an application for his trip to Europe to serve with the Red Cross during World War I. Let your curiosity wander and see who you can find with this great new tool.

Spotlight on the Collection

Guide to Quebec Catholic parishes and published parish marriage records - by Jeanne Sauve White

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The purpose of this resource is to assist researchers in locating Catholic ancestors who married and lived in Quebec Canada between the early 1600s and mid 1900s. The work opens with a brief section explaining how to use the guide. In addition, the author published two small maps showing the county location of the parishes along with a key index.

In the back of the book, there is a name index. This index lists alphabetically the parish names and the names of the counties where they were located. In addition, there is an index to the counties themselves providing (1) location, (2) archives, (3) reference, and (4) page number. For example, if you want to find parishes located in "Brome" county, you would look on page 37 in the source. On this page, it provides location of the county as "far south", the point of reference as "South of Three Rivers near Vermont", and the map number "43." If you look for the number 43 on the first map, it gives you a geographical idea of where this county was located during that time. Other information includes "archives," which provide information pertaining to the custodian of these parish records, such as the "National Archives" and "Montreal Regional Archives." Also listed on page 37 are the names of all the parishes in that county. They are listed starting with the first parish established, in conjunction with dates of records for that jurisdiction.

In brief, although this guide does not provide marriage records themselves, it is a good resource for locating parish marriage records. If you are looking for parish marriage records for Quebec Canada, you may want to consider this guide.