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Genealogy Newsletter

"To be rooted is perhaps the most important and least recognized need of the human soul." --
Simone Weil, French philosopher

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Events

August 2

"Read All About It!" Newspaper Research: Reading Past the Headlines

Not using newspapers in your research? Discover how this rich resource can aid your research and bring your ancestor "to life." Presenter Ann Staley, CG, will use examples from various city newspapers. The class is on Saturday, August 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Room 419 on the 4th floor of the Main Library, 303 N. Laura Street. Please call 630-2409 for more information.

August 9

"Shore to Shore" - 20th Century Immigration Research

How are we to find our ancestor among the millions who have arrived in this country? This lecture, presented by Ann Staley, CG, includes a 4-step research strategy and a look at the various records available to the researcher. The class is on Saturday, August 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Room G4 on the Conference Level of the Main Library, 303 N. Laura Street. Please call 630-2409 for more information.

August 9

"Our Ancestors Antiques Homeshow" is an annual show & tell event sponsored by The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society, Inc. The occasion is one where folks bring something from home - an antique, a photo, a Bible, etc., connected to an ancestor and share the story with others who are participating. Each person has a 5 minute platform to share their personal story. The event is at the SGENS library, at 6215 Sauterne Drive, Jacksonville, FL. Time is 10:00 a.m., the second Saturday, August 9th. See you there! Questions: 778-1000.

August 16

Florida Research - Online Resources

Are you clawing your way through your Florida family research? This lecture, presented by Ann Staley, CGRS, is designed to provide research resources to help you find that elusive ancestor. The class is on Saturday, August 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Room G4 on the Conference Level of the Main Library, 303 N. Laura Street. Please call 630-2409 for more information.

August 16

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting August 16th, 2008 at the Clay County Archives in Green Cove Springs with Claude Bass as their host. The meeting time will be at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Bass is not only a very good speaker but an extremely knowledgeable archivist with many, many interesting stories to pass on. For additional information, please contact Mary Chauncey at 781-9300.

August 21

Ancestry Library Edition: How to Use a Powerful Genealogy Source

Learn how to use this comprehensive genealogy database available at all Jacksonville Public Library locations. The class is on Thursday, August 21 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the Electronic Classroom on the 1st floor of the Main Library, 303 N. Laura St. Seating is limited. Please call 630-2409 to register.

October 11

On October 11, Jacksonville Public Library and the Southern Genealogists' Exchange Society, Inc. co-present an all-day genealogy seminar, "Celebrating Family History." The event is free of charge and includes four guest speakers and optional tours of the library's Genealogy Collection. Please call 778-1000 to pre-register. The advantages to pre-registration are: no waiting in line to register; name tags prepared in advance and forward seating in the seminar.

New Materials

Some Families of Revolutionary War Patriots from Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Kentucky - Coulter, Willa Mac (Duncan)

Publisher: Gateway Press, Inc.

[Check Library Catalog](#) Pub Date: 1993

ISBN: 9780965436700

ISBN-10: 0965436705

Call Number: GEN 929.20973 C855s

This 860-page book contains biographical and genealogical information about individual patriots who served or contributed to the American Revolutionary War. Each chapter is devoted to one

patriot and summarizes what is known about his or her family of origin. The chapters then trace the featured patriot's direct descendants up to the present day. Also included is a 17-century chapter which deals collectively with many of the earlier lines.

Families covered include: Duncan, Miller, Coulter, Fleming, Pomeroy, Junkin, Harned, Galloway, Hartley, Weatherholt, Crawford, Mason, Pate, Moorman, Adams, Lewis, Johnston, Clark, Walker, Martin, Reynolds, Head, Long, Seaton, Kenner, Thompson, Greenwell, Bonum, Philpot, Eskridge, Spence, Youell, Sturman, Howson, Lee, Constable, and Rodham.

Some Families of Revolutionary War Patriots from Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Kentucky was donated to Jacksonville Public Library's Genealogy Collection by the Daughters of the American Revolution Ponte Vedra Chapter 3-064-FL in memory of Katharine (Kitty) Levy Sheldon.

In the midst of all that makes life worth living : Polk County, Florida, to 1940 - Canter Brown, Jr.

Publisher: Sentry Press

[Check Library Catalog](#) Pub Date: 12/1/2001

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ISBN-10: 1889574120

Call Number: FLA 975.967 B877i

In this book, award-winning historian Canter Brown, Jr. relates Polk County's saga from its earliest inhabitants to the verge of World War II. Utilizing many previously neglected primary and secondary sources, Brown traces in vivid detail the county's evolution from Indian hunting ground and refuge, to Free Black sanctuary, white frontier outpost - and, ultimately - wealthy enclave, agricultural Eden, and industrial center. Includes an alphabetical name index.

Spotlight on the Collection: Slave Manifests

In March 1807, Congress passed legislation that prohibited the importation of slaves into the United States after 1808. This legislation required that all vessels weighing over 40 tons file two manifests (one for the port of origin and one for the port of destination). These records are invaluable for genealogy researchers looking to find information about migration of their slave ancestors. Jacksonville Public Library has U.S. Customs Service Records for the ports of Savannah, GA and New Orleans, LA on microfilm.

U.S. Customs Service Records: Port of Savannah, Georgia

The slave manifests for the port of Savannah are included in LexisNexis' microfilm edition of *Papers of the American Slave Trade*, Series D: Records of the U.S. Customhouses, Part 1: Port of Savannah Slave Manifests, 1790-1860. All of the ships listed in these manifests came from ports along the East Coast of the United States or the Gulf of Mexico. Among the ports listed in the manifest are Baltimore, MD; Charleston, SC; Jacksonville, FL; Mobile, AL; New Orleans, LA; New York City; Providence, RI; and St. Augustine, FL. The inward manifests also include one folder of ships arriving to Savannah from Africa. Each manifest lists the name of the ship, the master of the ship, the names of the slaves being transported and the name and residence of either the slave owner or the shipper.

The manifests are in chronological order and contain approximately 10,000 slave names. Although the names of slaves are not included in the index to this collection, the names of the slave owner are. If you know the name of the slave owner, you will be able to use the index to locate a particular slave. The index is available at the Information desk on the 4th floor and the ship manifests are located in the microfilm cabinet of the African American Collection at the Main Library.

U.S. Customs Service Records: Port of New Orleans, Louisiana

Slave manifests for the port of New Orleans are included in NARA Microfilm Publication M1895, *Slave Manifests of Coastwise Vessels Filed at New Orleans, Louisiana, 1807-1860*. Each manifest lists the date of vessel's arrival or departure, captain's name size of vessel. Of particular note is information on slaves. The manifests contain name, age, height, and color of slave or slaves transported; name and residence of owner or shipper of slaves. The ship manifests are located in the microfilm cabinet of the African American Collection.

A partial transcription of Inward Slave Manifests is available in the [Slave Data](#) section on the AfriGeneas website. An index for the Slave Manifests inward bound to New Orleans from Baltimore and other Maryland ports is on pages 132-639 of *Cash for Blood* by Ralph Clayton. *Cash for Blood* is also available for use at the library. It is located in the African American Collection, call number AFR 929.108996 C619c.

Genealogy Trivia of the Month

Each month, we ask a genealogy-related puzzler. If you are the first to respond with the correct answer, you will receive a special gift. Please email your answer to genealogy@coj.net.

This month's question: If your ancestor lived and owned land in Duval County in 1822 and later moved to Clay County in 1860, where would you find deed records to his land?

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