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November 2008 Genealogy Newsletter

"Every man serves a useful purpose. A miser, for example, makes a wonderful ancestor." --
Laurence J. Peter

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Events

November 8

Genealogy 101: Genealogy for Beginners

This class is geared toward those interested in beginning genealogy research. It provides a basic foundation for understanding the genealogical process and the resources involved in tracing ancestral heritage. The class is on Saturday, November 8 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Electronic Classroom on the 1st floor of the Main Library, 303 N. Laura Street. Attendance is limited. Please call 630-2409 to register.

November 8

The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society, Inc will hold its' monthly meeting at Mandarin Regional Library, 3330 Kori Road at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, November 8th. This meeting will be the annual business meeting including officer reports and annual election of officers. Light refreshments. For more information call 778-1000.

November 15

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting on November 15, at 1:30 p.m. at the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6887 103rd Street. This is the last meeting of the year and is our Heirloom and social meeting. If bringing food, then finger foods are best. Do bring a family heirloom for discussion with those attending the meeting. We certainly hope many will show up with heirlooms. For additional information please contact,

Mary Chauncey, 782-9300.

Links

- [JPL Genealogy Blog](#)
- [Jacksonville Public Library Special Collections](#)
- [Jacksonville City Directories](#)

Florida Voter Registration Lists 1867-68

There are a variety of records that can be used to fill in the gaps between censuses. These under-used resources include tax assessment list, property records and voter's registration lists. One such resource available at the library for people researching Florida ancestors is the *Florida Voter Registration Lists 1867-68*.

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The Politics of Our Ancestors

When you go to the voting booth this year, you'll be provided a ballot prepared by election officials and you'll be able to make your choices privately and cast your ballot in secret. We may take this for granted but most of our ancestors would be surprised by these practices.

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JPL Genealogy's Flickr Page

Beginning with photos taken during the October 11th seminar "Celebrating Family History," we will be posting pictures of our various events on our Flickr site. Flickr is a photo sharing website that offers a generous free membership.

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National Society United States Daughters of 1812

The War of 1812 was a conflict between the United States and Great Britain. It involved several issues, such as the seizure of American sailors by the British navy, England's ongoing conflict with France, and "War Hawks" in congress wanting to expand American territory into Canada. The War lasted from 1812 to 1815. Although the "Treaty of Ghent" (which was to officially end the war) was signed on December 24th, 1814, news of the treaty did not reach the U.S. for several months.

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Jacksonville Public Library: Your Family History Center

For those who may not know, the Jacksonville Public Library is an official Family History Center of the Family History Library. The Family History Library (FHL) is located in Salt Lake City, Utah, and is apart of The Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints. The Family History Library

is the main repository for most of the genealogical information that the Church has collected. It was founded in 1894 with the purpose of collecting and disseminating genealogical records of church members and non-church affiliated historical records. The FHL contains a variety of record types, such as land, vital, historical, church, directory, and county to name a few.

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Scanning Microfilm

At one point or another in our genealogy research, we all hope to manage to gain access to a great roll of microfilm that knocks down that brick wall, or has more information than we imagined or bargained for. As you're sitting in the library making dozens of copies, maybe you wonder if there is a better way. Maybe you plan on scanning the copies at home from that flatbed scanner you bought just to get that document onto your genealogy software? You can take a step out of that process and scan directly from the microfilm here at the library!

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