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September 2009 Genealogy Newsletter

Genealogy is where you confuse the dead and irritate the living. -
Anonymous

Events

September 12

The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society, Inc. will host guest speaker Mr. Terri Thompson at 10:15 a.m. at the Mandarin Regional Library, 3330 Kori Road, Jacksonville, Florida. Mr. Thompson will be speaking regarding 15 families of North Florida, 1783-1821, who received Spanish Land Grants in this area. He has completed extensive research and will reveal portions to us. Our meetings are FREE and open to the public with light refreshments served. For more information please call 778-1000 or email: publicity@sgesjax.com.

September 14

The Fleming Island Genealogy Group will meet on Monday, September 14 from 6:30-7:30 in the Genealogy and Local History room of the Fleming Island Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd. Jon Ferguson will talk about "Tombstones and Beyond". Jon is very knowledgeable about what can be learned from cemeteries. He is a very enthusiastic and entertaining speaker with a good sense of fun. Call 278-3722 or email Chris at cmochocki@ccpl.lib.fl.us to register.

September 19

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc., in conjunction with the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, FL., will be holding its 40th Anniversary meeting and celebration beginning at 10:30 a.m. The Special Speaker is Mr. Jack Butler from Orlando, FL. He will give his first lecture at 11 o'clock, entitled, Territorial Records: An Untapped Resource. At 2:00 o'clock his second lecture will be Read All About It! Finding Kin in Early Newspapers. A lunch will be served at Noon. Refreshments and Birthday Cake at 3:00 o'clock. The event is free but an RSVP is requested. Please do so using our Post Office Box 60756, Jacksonville, FL., 32236-0756; our website <http://jaxgen.home.comcast.net>; e-mail: jaxgen@comcast.net, or contact any board member of the society.

October 1

The Amelia Island Genealogical Society and the Amelia Plantation Chapel are jointly sponsoring a **An Evening with John Colletta**. John is an internationally known genealogical lecturer and researcher and is both entertaining and knowledgeable. He conducts workshops at the National Archives and teaches courses for the Smithsonian Institution and local Washington DC universities. He is also a noted author. This two hour symposium will take place at the Amelia Plantation Chapel, on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 7 PM. **Seating is limited and will be reserved with a confirmation number**. Additional information plus the registration form is available at <http://www.aigensoc.org/colletta.pdf>. We strongly encourage all of you to attend. Dr. Colletta is a very well known energetic speaker with a broad genealogical knowledge. Remember you have to register and obtain a confirmation number to attend.

International Black Genealogy Summit

The Allen County Public Library will be hosting the "International Black Genealogy Summit" (IBGS) this year. It is being held on October 29-31, 2009 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The meeting is open to the public and will host various African American historical and genealogical societies from the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean. If you are tracing your African American heritage or considering doing so, the IBGS may present an excellent opportunity to learn additional resources and to network with those individuals and organizations that specialize in tracing the heritage of people of color.

For more information about the Summit such as registration, workshops, speakers, and accommodations, you may visit their website at www.blackgenealogysummit.com

New Books

Here are some new books received in August. In addition to our purchases, we have received some wonderful donations. Please do continue to think of the library when trying to decide what to do with genealogical books you no longer need. These resources may be helpful to many more researchers in future years.

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Change in Family History Center Microfilm Ordering

Beginning October 1st, 2009, customers requesting microfilm from the Family History Library (FHL) must submit a check along with their order. The cost to rent film is \$5.50 per reel with a loan period of 30 days. Renewals are available for an additional \$5.50 per reel.

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