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## October 2009 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*

### Jacksonville Genealogical Society Celebrates 40 Years

The Society celebrated its anniversary on Saturday, September 19th at the Webb-Wesconnett Library. The speaker, Jack Butler, shared "Territorial Records: an Untapped Resource" and "Read All About It! Finding Kin in Early Newspapers". It was an informative and fun gathering. Congratulations to the Jacksonville Genealogical Society for their enduring efforts on the behalf of genealogists.

### Events

#### October 5

The Fleming Island Genealogy Group will meet on Monday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Genealogy and Local History Room at the Fleming Island Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd., Fleming Island. Please e-mail Chris Mochocki ([cmochocki@ccpl.lib.fl.us](mailto:cmochocki@ccpl.lib.fl.us)) any topics you are interested in discussing at the meeting, and she will add them to the agenda.

#### October 10

The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society, Inc. will hold a meeting on Saturday, October 10, at 10:15 a.m. at the Mandarin Public Library, 3330 Kori Road, Jacksonville. They will be celebrating Family History Month with "Our Ancestors Antiques Home Show".

#### October 13

The Jacksonville Historical Society is holding a meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at Old Saint Andrews, 317 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville. The reception begins at 7:00 p.m. and the program at 7:30 p.m. They will be discussing "Jacksonville's First City Planner: George W. Simons, Jr." For more information, contact the Society at 904-665-0064.

#### October 17

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc., will hold their monthly meeting at the Webb-Wesconnet Branch Library, 6887 103rd street, Jacksonville., at 1:30 p.m. on October 17, 2009. Once again we are very pleased to have Mr. Claude Bass as your speaker. Mr. Bass has chosen the topic, "Clay Moonshiners." If you haven't had the good fortune to hear Mr. Bass speak, then you should really plan to attend. Mr. Bass has a great many "stories" and

anecdotes that he passes on to his audience. For additional information please contact, Mary Chauncey, (904) 781-9300.

## Genograms: What are they?

When we decide to research our family history, completing a family tree or pedigree chart is one of the first things we do. The goal of this endeavor is to trace our family history to as far back as we can go. While completing the chart, we stimulate distant memories of past conversations, faint images of individuals, forgotten places, and nostalgic smells that remind us of our childhood and people we once knew. Some of these memories are as precious as we dare to remember them - while others may not be as warm and as fuzzy as we like. However, we take the good, the bad, and the ugly and record them in our family tree chart.

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## Upcoming Genealogy Classes

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc. will be holding a five-session 2009 Genealogy Class, featuring research in the United States. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Webb-Wesconnett Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville on October 17th, 30th, 31st, November 6th and 7th. The class is free, but if you wish to keep the manual, a donation of \$20 is requested.

Topics will include: Genealogical Identification; Records and Sources - Analysis and Evaluation; Vital Records (Government and Church); Land Records; Immigration and Naturalization; Often Overlooked Sources; Planning a Research Trip; Publishing Your History, and more.

Register at <http://jaxgen.home.comcast.net>

## New Materials received in September

Passenger and Immigration Lists Index 2010 Supplement

Index of compiled service records of soldiers serving in the Florida War from Alabama (Microfilm)

Basics of Genealogy Reference: A Librarian's Guide

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