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November 2009 Genealogy Newsletter

"Family faces are magic mirrors. Looking at people who belong to us, we see the past, present and future." -- **Gail Lumet Buckley**

Events

November 2

The Fleming Island Genealogy Group will meet on Monday, November 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Genealogy and Local History room at the Fleming Island Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd., Fleming Island. The speaker, Karen Rhodes, will discuss "Our Black Sheep Ancestors: How to Approach Them". Our "Black Sheep Ancestors" left us many clues to their whereabouts. Karen will show us where to look. She will explore prison and mental institution records, court records, newspapers, military records, and the Florida State Archives. Call 278-3722 or email Chris at cmochocki@ccpl.lib.fl.us to register.

November 7 and 8

In honor of our veterans, Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society, is hosting a walking guided tour of the Old City Cemetery. The Cemetery, est. in 1854 in downtown Jacksonville is located at the intersection of Washington & Union Streets. On Saturday, Nov. 7th, 10:00 am and Sunday Nov. 8th at 2:00 pm. Shannon Palmer will share the compelling stories of those buried there with emphasis on the veterans. Of special interest are the interments of: Francis Philip Fleming - A confederate soldier and lawyer who became the 15th governor of Florida; and John Finegan - Civil War Confederate Brigadier General. Tours are \$8.00 per adult and children under 12 are free. This is a fund raiser event for SGES, a non-profit. Pre-register to reserve your space at www.sgesjax.com PayPal or call (904) 778.1000 or (904) 333-5222. Walk ons accepted. Wear comfortable shoes.

November 13-14

The 2009 Florida State Genealogical Society Annual conference will be held November 13-14 in Melbourne, Florida. The keynote speaker is Craig Roberts Scott whose topic is "*Lost Pensions.*" Check out <http://flsgs.org/> for more details.

November 21

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society, will hold their monthly meeting at the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6889 103rd street, Jacksonville, Fl., on November 21, 2009. The time has been changed due to the library needed space to celebrate their 30th Birthday. The

meeting will commence at noon and end at 2 p.m. Besides the election of officers, our program will consist of "Reminiscing". We are asking members to be prepared to discuss for two to four minutes, a memorable event in their life, which may be of interest to other members. For additional information please contact, Mary Chauncey, (904) 781-9300.

Beyond Genealogy 101

Mr. Fuller, of the Jacksonville Public Library's Genealogy department, has created a class for individuals who are familiar with Ancestry.com and basic sources, but are looking to develop their genealogy research abilities. The class will be offered in November, but the date is still to be determined. Check out our [blog](#) for details as they become available.

No online research access? What-to-do tactics and strategies

In the last 15 years there has been an explosion of sorts in genealogy research, thanks to the growing number of online resources. Ancestry.com, *cyndislist.com*, HeritageQuest, GenWeb are but a few of the sources we go to for our genealogy fix. However, what do you do when you can't find a name in an online index, or even if you don't have any online access at all?

What do you do if a website is down for maintenance or, just from heavy traffic and usage, is slowed to a crawl? It is conceivable that at one point or another, your WiFi, or cellular, or cable modem, or plain old dial-up will fail you when you are on the chase for that elusive ancestor.

Where do you go? What do you do when technology fails?

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