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HAVING PROBLEMS UNDERSTANDING GRAVESTONE SYMBOLS OR THE MEANING OF CERTAIN OCCUPATIONS?

May 13, 2008 — 9:30 AM-Noon, Large Meeting Room, IRC County Library

Time to sharpen the mind and go for the prize --- game show time is here! The time has come to show exactly what kind of smart researcher you are. Everyone will be involved by participating in the grandest of all Game Shows, The 25th Anniversary special!, hosted by none other than our own Tom and Nancy Garvey. Join forces with team-mates to win prizes of great value to any genealogist. Let's see what 25 years of research has taught you about those symbols found among ancestral bones and those job titles most coveted by our fore-fathers. Be prepared to laugh out loud.



And, see page 3 for more details about this month's 25th anniversary celebration.

9:30 a.m. starts the business meeting. The guest speaker will start about 10:30 a.m. and will be done at noon. Refreshments will be served after the business meeting. Contact Cindy Davis for questions and information. Email: ourtime2@bellsouth.net.



ALL GUESTS ARE WELCOME!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: PETE KERSEY



I can now give personal testimony that the new Connections Column in this newsletter brings results. My insertion drew several responses from folks familiar with the problems that adoption records bring to the genealogy research realm. They prompted me to strike out in a direction I had yet to try and who knows, I may strike pay-dirt. I don't know as yet, but a path was uncovered that had not yet been trod. So toddle on over to the Connections path, or fill out a form at the library for some friendly one-on-one help from another member and you too might find another path to head down.

May, of course, is the final get together for this season and we are celebrating our 25th Anniversary as a Society here in Indian River County. Come to the meeting: I promise you a good time,

many sweet memories (and sweet tooth enhancements too) and maybe even a tip or two on your own research along the way.

This has been an eventful year in our society and we have learned a few lessons on how to keep ourselves a viable group, well connected to the superb library resource we have here in Vero Beach. However, your Board needs your help. The viability of any group depends strongly on many people willing to step up to the plate and serve with a managing group of volunteers who love what they are engaged in and believe in the worth of the group. When a member of the board asks if you would be willing to serve a term in one position or another, please say yes. Not only will you be doing the Society a good deed, but you will find it an enjoyable journey. Come along with us, have fun, and help direct this splendid organization.

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MEETING AND CONTACT INFORMATION

8	Irish GIG - 1-3 PM in the Library History Room. Contact Bill Murphy blmurphy@comcast.net
13	IRGS Meeting - 9:30-Noon -large meeting room, first floor. Contact Cindy Davis - Email: ourtime2@bellsouth.net
15	Polish GIG 3-5 PM in the Library History Room. Contact Marg Putzke jmputzke@bellsouth.net
15	Swedish GIG will meet in the Library History Room from 1-3 PM. Contact Diane Macgowan. Email: dmacgowan@aol.com
19	Beginning Genealogy Class Part I - Contact Diane Macgowan at dmacgowan@aol.com or call the library to register.
6/30	Beginning Genealogy Class Part II - Contact Diane Macgowan at dmacgowan@aol.com or call the library to register.

NOTE: If you would like your society announcements published in the *next* IRGS newsletter, please send complete information six weeks before the society meeting. Include: exact name of the group, date, time, place, contact person with email or telephone number. Email: cygne1@comcast.net or calendar@irgs.org

NEWS FROM LINEAGE SOCIETIES

DAR—St. Sebastian

will meet May 3, at 9:30 a.m. –12:20 p.m., Roseland Community Center, 12973 83rd Ave. The winners of the Student Achievement and Community Service Awards given to Sebastian students will be honored, followed by a Pot Luck Luncheon. This Chapter of the DAR meets the first Saturday of the month, every month, Oct.-May. Membership includes individuals from south Brevard and northern Indian River County. Friends, prospective new members and visiting DAR members are invited to attend. For more information, contact Ellen Stanley, Regent, at 388-0352.

DAR - Fort Pierce

Cora Stickney Harper Chapter, NSDAR, meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. Contact Janel Cohen: 772-466-3450.

MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

Stephen Hopkins Colony of Florida next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept 17 and Nov 13 at the Carraba's Restaurant. Contact Ben Pratt, pattb@bellsouth.net

DAR - TREASURE COAST

Meeting May 3rd at 11:00 am, Bent Pine Country Club, 5770 58th Ave, Vero Beach. Scholarship Co-Chairmen, Judy Kloski & Ann Waggaman will present Chapter Scholarship Awards to recipients for 2008. Call Pam Dolby at 772-794-0998 for information and reservations.

HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY INDIAN RIVER GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY!

In the future, may you help many hundreds of more people locate their family history as you have in the past 25 years!



A TIME TO REMEMBER: 25 YEARS OF MEMORIES

The objectives of the Society are to further genealogical research and promote interest in family and local history by:

- ◆ Providing instruction on methods of researching, organizing, indexing, retrieving, preserving and disseminating genealogical information and records, through programs, classes and seminars.
- ◆ Providing genealogical and historical information through publications, lectures, workshops, seminars, field trips and study groups.
- ◆ Encouraging the donation of genealogical and historical material to the Genealogical Section of The Indian River County Main Library for use by the general public.
- ◆ Maintaining liaison with local, national and international genealogical and historical organizations.



There will be **pictures and scrapbooks** from the past 25 years on display. Why not bring in and display YOUR family history articles. Bring stories, books, needlework, etc., to show everyone what you have accomplished this year or the last 25 years!



Come celebrate with us in style! Do you still have those pre-1950's clothing such as poodle skirt; hoop skirt; Edwardian gown; Hawaiian shirt; flapper gown. Fellows, do you still have those service uniforms? What about those great hats, such as the Fedora, Stetson and Zoot? Let's get dressed and have a fun 25th year celebration. Do not be SHY!! GOT NOTHING TO WEAR? DRESS IN BLACK AND WHITE --- REMINISCENT OF OLD PHOTOS.

GENEALOGY EDUCATION

APPLICATION FOR GENEALOGY HELP

Would you like one-on-one help on a specific problem? Members of the society are willing to help anyone who needs assistance. All you have to do is complete the application that is now located in the library and turn it in to Joy Eakin. She will try to match you with someone who may be knowledgeable in your area of research.

ONTARIO RESEARCH?

Regularly scheduled Ontario GIG meetings have been suspended until December 2, 1-3 pm in the AIS room at the IRC main library. At that time all Ontario researchers should have plenty of new tips and exciting adventures and discoveries to share. Please contact Janice Sly at jsly@ellijay.com or George Patterson at gfp176@aol.com if you are interested in sharing and learning from others about your research in Ontario, Canada.

ITALIAN RESEARCH ANYONE?

At long last, we are asking if anyone is interested in participating a new GIG that will probably meet for the first time in September. Stephanie DeGraff

is willing to take the names of those interested and will then contact you when the meeting is set. Her email is: nevrasmus@aol.com or call her at 772-562-8908. Stay tuned for more announcements.

WHAT GENEALOGY PROGRAM ARE YOU USING?

Several people have expressed an interest in meeting with others who are using the following genealogy software:

FAMILY TREE MAKER
LEGACY
REUNION (For MAC)

If you are interested in one of the above, please call or email and give your name to Diane Macgowan Email: dmacgowan@aol.com, or Pam Cooper Email: cygne1@comcast.net, 299-0034. At this time, we are unable to determine when they will meet, but please watch for announcements on our web site at www.irgs.org or via email.



IRGS MEMBER PROFILE: SUSAN TREMPE

My genealogy success is mostly due to the kindness of others, people whom I have never met, and to one special person, Diane Mcgowan, my mentor and friend.

Pictured are my grandparents, Johan Nimrod Anderson and Ester Maria Dahlström both of whom were born in Sweden and met and married in Chicago, Illinois. Ester died in 1915 when my mother was four years old. Johan sent her to live with distant cousins in Rockford. Consequently my mother had almost no contact with her father and maternal aunts and uncles.

Growing up I would occasionally ask my mother about her family. All she "knew" was that her father was an only child and that her mother was born in Stockholm. She did have her father's death certificate indicating he was born to August Anderson and Magdalena Casper in Svenjlunga.

About 15 years ago when my mother's cousin died, we were sent a package of family photographs and letters and postcards written by different family members in Sweden. Also included was a book containing the names and birth dates of my great aunts and uncles and my great grandfather's name and birth date. I now had a starting point.

When my husband, Phil Russo, and I retired and moved to Vero Beach, we both decided to begin our family research. We did the usual things of taking a genealogy class, obtaining immigration and census data, death certificates, etc. I then had a good understanding of the family members who had come to America but those whom I could find were all dead. I also did not have a clue about the ancestors in Sweden.

Good fortune came when Diane formed her Swedish GIG. For all of us who have been the recipients of her knowledge, unflinching willingness to help and her inspiration to keep going, we have had tremendous success with our research. Not



only has she introduced us to many Swedish research tools, but has taught us so much about Sweden and its culture. Diane has even attempted to teach us Swedish.

Thanks to two queries Diane posted in Swedish on a Swedish website, two strangers replied. I learned my grandfather was born in Ullasjö not Svenjlunga and that he had five brothers and sisters. I also learned his father's name was Johan August Anderson and his mother's name was Anna Magdalena Josefsdotter not Casper. The other stranger sent me four generations of data on Anna's family.

On another Swedish website I saw my great-uncle's name. When I contacted the person who had posted it, she replied by telling me her aunt had married my great uncle and sent me the name and address of their son living in Chicago. So he is the first living relative I have found and we have been in constant contact. Of coincidence his children and I were born in the same hospital and we both as children summered at the same lake in Wisconsin.

The most recent act of kindness came from a lady in Stockholm who had posted my great, great grandfather's name. When I wrote to her she sent me 12 generations going back from him. She has unbelievably offered to locate living relatives in Sweden after I had mentioned I would travel there should I ever find someone. She closed by saying it would be her honor when I came to Stockholm to show me the city and places where the family had lived. As of March she has found a relative living in Jönköping. With over 170,000 names in her family file she is enlisting the aid of another Swedish researcher whom she considers superior to herself.

I owe everything to the kindness of others for giving me a family.



CONNECTIONS OR CAN YOU HELP ME?

IRGS members helping each other. If you would like to publish a request in the newsletter, send to: cygne1@comcast.net and use the subject line "Connections."

Note: When submitting items for print, please add area codes to your phone numbers and bear in mind that we also publish on the Web. Never list an unpublished phone number. Providing addresses, telephone numbers and/or electronic mail addresses constitutes a consent to publish same in the newsletter and in all of its formats including electronically via the Internet to a worldwide audience.

SOUTH CAROLINA HELP NEEDED

Have been unable to find any connection for Mary Lyles, born 1801 SC, according to an entry in a family Bible. Her life AFTER marriage is well documented but info re marriage, parents, sibs, etc. are unknown. Jim Runnels JMRnn9@aol.com or 772-770-2236.

WYOMING AND GENESSEE COUNTY, NEW YORK HELP

If anyone lives near or researches in this area, I would appreciate any hands-on help in the local court records, circa 1830's. You can contact me (Pam Cooper) at cygne1@comcat.net or 772-299-0034.

GENEALOGISTS PUSH FOR OPEN RECORDS

Formation of the Keeping Genealogical Records Open Workgroup (KGROW)

WESTMINSTER, Colo., March 21 – The Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) contends that there is no proof that open records significantly contribute to ID theft or terrorism. In a position paper that outlines the case for open public records, APG asserts that open records are rarely used by identification thieves and maintains that the benefit of open access to records far outweighs any potential abuse.

APG has joined forces with other genealogical organizations including the National Genealogical Society (NGS), The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) and the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) in endorsing the position paper and calling on legislators to keep records open.

"Public records allow genealogists and other professionals such as medical researchers, journalists, historians and academic researchers to do their jobs," explains APG President, Jake Gehring. He urges that "concerned citizens tell their representatives that they want to keep public records open."

A group of professional genealogists within APG formed the Keeping Genealogical Records Open Workgroup (KGROW) in 2007 and prepared the position paper. Melinde Lutz Sanborn, FASG (Fellow, American Society of Genealogists) and member of the committee, says, "Open records

and transparency in government are the best protections we have against twenty-first century fraud."

The KGROW committee recommends in their paper that "lawmakers respond to the ID theft problem, not try to prevent a nonexistent problem." Further, they encourage "private companies and government improve their protection of personal data." The Case for Open Public Records position paper is available on the APG website at <http://apgen.org/publications/press>.

The Association of Professional Genealogists is an independent organization whose worldwide members number over 1,800. The group's principal purpose is to support professional genealogists in all phases of their work: from the amateur genealogist wishing to turn knowledge and skill into a vocation, to the experienced professional seeking to exchange ideas with colleagues and to upgrade the profession as a whole.

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WEB SITES

All sites listed below are free, but may require registering or sign-up.

- ◆ FAMILY TREE CHARTS - GrillYourGranny.com
- ◆ STEERAGE BETWEEN DECKS - <http://www.norwayheritage.com/> This web site should be looked at by everyone who is interested in the early days of travel. Your editor LOVES this web site. If you have Norwegian ancestors and you are trying to locate their time of immigration, this site is mainly for you.
- ◆ NEW YORK NEWSPAPERS ONLINE. PLEASE do not overlook this web site if you think it only covers one New York county. It appears at first to be cute and quirky and states it is "old postcards." Nothing can be farther from the truth. Right now the owner of the web site says to search "6,120,000 Old New York State Historical Newspaper Pages." Some of the counties included are: Albany, Oneida, Canadaigua, Otsego, Cayuga, Oswego, Jefferson, Wayne, and more. Of course you can if you want, look at all of his Fulton County postcards. Incredible! <http://www.fultonhistory.com/>
- ◆ FAMILY SEARCH LABS: Future Tools to Dig Up the Past. Watch this site grow! They have census, court, and vital records that are free for you to search and copy. According to their web site: "Family Search Labs showcases new family history technologies that aren't ready for prime time." There are some databases that cannot be found anywhere else. Death indexes include Georgia, Ontario, Ohio, Utah, West Virginia and Texas. Vital records for European countries are also included, example: Czech ancestors, they have the Czech Republic, Litomence Regional Archive Church Books 1552-1905 - <http://labs.familysearch.org/>
- ◆ MISSOURI MARRIAGE RECORDS ONLINE (1805-2002) at Ancestry.com. These are the original documents.
- ◆ US GenWeb FAMILY GROUP SHEET PROJECT - Search for families by state - <http://www.fgs-project.com/>
- ◆ COPYRIGHT FUNDAMENTALS FOR GENEALOGY - You do not want to be caught stealing someone else's work and publishing it in your family history. Keep up with the current laws on compilations and fair use. - http://www.pddoc.com/copyright/genealogy_copyright_fundamentals.htm
- ◆ CONFEDERATE VETERANS MAGAZINE. This link is an index to the personal names of the confederate soldiers that appear in the magazine from 1893-1932. The IRC library owns the complete set. http://ajax.lva.lib.va.us/F/?func=file&file_name=find-b-clas65&local_base=CLAS65
- ◆ DIALECT MAP of American English: <http://www.geocities.com/yvain.geo/dialects.html>
- ◆ WHAT IS THE IGI (International Genealogical Index): <http://www.livgenmi.com/fhcigi.htm>
- ◆ DO-IT-YOURSELF COLOR CODED STATE MAPS (Contributed by Sandy McKenny) - Use this handy tool to color code your surnames in a particular state. Send an email to the editor and tell us how you used it for upcoming newsletters. <http://monarch.tamu.edu/~maps2/>
- ◆ LONG ISLAND DIRECTORIES include 1868-69 Kings, Queens, Nassau, Suffolk Directory; 1889 Brooklyn and Long Island Farmers; 1892 Brooklyn & Long Island Business; 1924 Nassau and Suffolk, Clergy, Undertakers, Physicians, Farmers and various kinds of farms. http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nygglsHP/Long_Island_Directories_frame.html



IMMIGRANT PASSENGER LISTS IN REGARD TO INSTRUCTIONS AND DEFINITION OF "RACE"

EXTRACT FROM DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR CIRCULAR NO. 43 SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING ALIEN MANIFESTS

Column 9 (Race or people) - The entry in column 9 should show the race or people as given in list on reverse side of alien manifest. Special attention should be paid to the distinction between race and nationality, and manifests should be carefully revised by inspectors and registry clerks in this regard. For instance, "France" appearing on a manifest does not necessarily mean "French" by race or people, and similarly "French" appearing on a manifest does not necessarily mean "France" by nationality. An alien who is Irish, German, or Hebrew by race might properly come under the heading of United Kingdom or any other country by nationality. In this connection the following distinctions should be especially observed:

Cuban

The term "Cuban" refers to the Cuban people (not Negroes).

West Indian

"West Indian" refers to the people of the West Indies other than Cuba (not Negroes).

Spanish-American

"Spanish-American" refers to the people of Central and South America of Spanish descent.

African (black)

"African (black)" refers to the African Negro, whether coming from Cuba or other islands of the West Indies, North or South America, Europe, or Africa. Any alien whose appearance indicates a mixture of negro blood should be classified under this heading.

Italian (north)

The people who are native to the basin of the River Po in northern Italy (i.e., compartments of Piedmont, Lombardy, Venetia and Emilia) and their descendants whether residing in Italy, Switzerland Austria-Hungary or any other country should be classed as "Italian (north)." Most of these people speak a Gallic dialect of the Italian language.

Italian (south)

The people who are native to the portion of Italy south of the basin of the River Po (i.e., compartments of Liguria, Tuscany, Marches, Umbria, Latium, Abruzzo, Molise, Campania, Apulia, Basilicata, Calabria, Sicily, and Sardinia) and their descendants should be classified as "Italian (south)."

Potentially Fraudulent Sites Posing as Genealogy Websites

Posted by Mike Ward - April 10, 2008

"We have recently become aware of three websites purporting to allow family history research: SearchYourGenealogy.com, Ancestry-search.com and Australian-Ancestry.com. The sites claim to have "the largest online genealogical search tool" and promote themselves as the foremost resources for genealogy, but from what we can tell, these sites are nothing more than a series of web pages with links to other services. These sites, in our opinion, are clearly fraudulent."

Editor's comment: You may have noticed that the links are similar to Ancestry.com. And, it is Ancestry who is posting the announcement. I checked these sites out and it seemed there were some good links and links that appear to be rip-offs. I got into one that asked for \$2000 to do Italian research and wanted \$800 as a down payment.

Never commit to any research or subscription service without checking their track record. Ask members of IRGS if they have used the service or join a message board where you can discuss it with other people. It is unfortunate, but there are thieves and con artists everywhere on the Internet.



FROM THE LIBRARY

Pamela J. Cooper, Supervisor Email: pcooper@irclibrary.org
Web Site: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flindian/ircl>
Pathfinders can be found at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flindian/ircl/pathfinders.html>

The following internet subscriptions will no longer be available at the library:

1. Early Canadiana (After August 1)
2. Ancestry Ireland (After May 1)

NEW PATHFINDERS (See URL above.)

Maps #3 (in our library)

French and Indian War Resources #62

RESEARCH HELPS

Photographs: Archival Care and Management

FAMILY HISTORY

Ancestors of Rogers Bruch Johnson From Immigration to the Present times 1620-1996, V2, Add.

The Brickson Ancestry

FRANCO-AMERICANS

Immigrants from the North: Franco-Americans Recall the Settlement of their Canadian Families in the Mill Towns of New England

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut Soldiers in the French and Indian War Bills, Receipts and Documents

GEORGIA

The Georgia State Memorial Book (WW I)

Militiamen, Rangers, and Redcoats: The Military in Georgia, 1754-1776

ILLINOIS

Family Maps of Ford County, Illinois

LOUISIANA

Terrebonne Life Lines Vol. 12-26 (1993-2007)

Sacramental Records of the Roman Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of New Orleans (1718-1831) 20 Vols.

Southern Catholic Heritage, Colonial Period 1704-1818, Vol. 1

History of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

MAINE

Somerset County, Maine Cemetery Inscriptions-CD

Oxford County, Maine Cemetery Inscriptions - CD

Town of Fryeburg 1718-1892: Original Records-CD

Town of Kennebunkport 1710-1891

White Pine on the Saco River

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts Officers in the French and Indian Wars 1748-1763

A People's Army: Massachusetts Soldiers & Society in the Seven Years' War

Provincetown Vital Records 1620-1890

Quabbin Park Cemetery Records 1741-1984

Rowe Vital Records 1774-1848

Russell Vital Records 1792-1896

Sheffield Vital Records 1726-1897

Shutesbury Vital Records 1746-1900

Southampton Vital Records 1758-1890

South Hadley Vital Records 1730-1896

Stockbridge Vital Records 1737-1887

Stoughton Vital Records 1709-1900

Sunderland Vital Records 1686-1890

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Warwick Vital Records 1739-1890

Williamsburg Vital Records 1771-1899

MISSOURI

Marriage Records: Dade County, Missouri

MONTANA

All Should be Remembered (Madison County)

NEW YORK

History of Oceanside

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Discovering Sands Point: Its History, Its People, Its Places

Settlers of the Beekman Patent, Vol. 9 (Mills to Page)

History of New Lots, Brooklyn to 1887: Including the Villages of East New York, Cypress Hills and Brownsville

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Stories of Guernsey County, Ohio

Guernsey County, OH Pioneer Cemetery Inscriptions Index

1895 Soldiers Return: Guernsey County

Family Maps of Darke, Putnam, Hancock County Ohio

RHODE ISLAND

A Bill of the Albany Hospital for care of the Men of the Rhode Island Regiment, many of them wounded in the Unsuccessful Assault on Fort Ticonderoga in July, 1758

Oswego Odyssey: The Trials and Tribulations of a Crew of Rhode Island Boatmen and Shipwrights, Their Captivity at the Hands of the French (and in at Least Once Case the Indians) and Their Difficulty in Getting Paid

Stephen Hopkins Pays the Troops 1755-1757

WISCONSIN

Family Maps of Racine County, Wisconsin

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OTHER COUNTRIES

CANADA-ONTARIO

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CARIBBEAN

Caribbean Roots: An Introduction to Tracing Your Caribbean Ancestors

Tracing Your West Indian Ancestors

Roots Recovered: The How to Guide for Tracing African-American and West Indian Roots Back to Africa and Going There for Free or on a Shoe-string Budget

GERMANY

Kingdom of Bavaria VI: Niederbayern I: Map Guide to German Parish Registers

Barbel Catholic Church Ortssippenbuch – CD

Churches of Ostfriesland

Church History of Ostfriesland

Obituary Index to the Ostfriesische Nachrichten and

Ostfriesen Zeitung (1882-1892, 1916-1971)
Obituaries in the Breda, Iowa German Newspaper
An Introduction to Ostfriesen Genealogy

Ardorf Ortssippenbuch

Ostfriesen Genealogical Society of American Newsletter 2005-2007

IRELAND

Royal Irish Constabulary Officers: A Biographical Dictionary and Genealogical Guide, 1816-1922
Genealogy & Family History of County Roscommon
Roscommon Before the Famine: The Parishes of Kiltoom and Cam, 1749-1845

LOCAL & FLORIDA HISTORY

Florida's People During the Last Ice Age

The Native America World Beyond Apalachee

Constructing Floridians: Natives and Europeans in the Colonial Floridas, 1513-1783

Family Maps of Jackson County, Florida

PERUSING PERIODICALS

FRENCH-CANADIAN

National Genealogical Society Quarterly, 96 (March 2008): 39-46, "Using French-Canadian Catholic Parish Records to Establish a Missing Kinship Relationship."

ITALIAN WEB SITES

Internet Genealogy, 3 (April/May 2008): 25-28, "20 Best Sites for Italian Genealogy ." Donna J. Pointkouski

CONFEDERATE PENSION RECORDS

Internet Genealogy, 3 (April/May 2008): 25-28, "Finding Confederate Pension Papers." David A Norris

FRENCH ANCESTRY

Internet Genealogy, 2 (February/March 2008): 29-31, "Researching Your French Ancestry Online." Donna J. Pointkouski

ITALIAN RECORDS

NGS Magazine, January-March 2008, 36-40, "Extracting Details from Italian Civil Vital Records." June C. Delalio, CG

POLISH RESEARCH

NGS MAGAZINE, January-March 2008, 41-45, "Welcome Home!- Witzjcie w domu! You Are Four Steps Away From Your Polish Village." Cecile Wendt Jensen, CG

SWEDISH RECORDS

FEFHJ JOURNAL, 2007, Vol. 15, 37-103, "Records of the Swedish St. Catherine's Parish." [St Petersburg, Russia] Ludmila and Orjan Werkstrom.

And introducing another family history magazine soon to arrive... ***Discovering Family History*** by the same people who publishe *Internet Genealogy* and the *History Magazine*.



POSTCARD BOOK REPORT

Our first royalty check has arrived! We received \$1,484.85 for the books that Arcadia sold between publication in August and December 31, 2007. The next check will arrive in late September.

Presentations at the Computer Club, Carissa Circle of the Indian River Garden Club and the Mayflower Society finished our first season. More presentations are scheduled for the Fall and Winter. The reaction of audiences has been very appreciative. It is especially interesting when "old timers" can add their reminiscences to the program.

We appreciate all members' support and encourage you to continue purchasing copies as gifts at the Friends of the Library Gift Shop.

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Jack and Libby Bayliss will be leaving us before the end of May to live near their daughter Karen in Dallas, Texas. They both will be greatly missed.

Jack created and maintained our current membership database for many years. In addition, for several years, he gave up many hours of his time teaching people in his home on scanning techniques. I know many of you appreciate all the time and effort that he gave to the classes.

Libby has served in many capacities with the society, but her biggest achievement is working in the genealogy department for almost 20 years. Each Wednesday, she would process new books, check in and shelve all the periodicals and prepare them for the bindery. At one time, she was the librarian for the society and was in charge of setting up the schedules for library volunteers.

When she first started working at the library, she worked on the vertical files along with two other people. These files are now the backbone of our local history research.

There is no doubt that Libby has contributed a lot of her time. In fact, we estimate that she worked no less than 6 hours per week for the last 10 years. Now that work will need to be passed on to another volunteer or 2 or 3. The next time that you look at one of our books and read a periodical, remember that Libby's hands probably did the processing.

We will miss you Jack and Libby!

We are sorry to hear our Recording Secretary **Carol Whelan** had back surgery. Members of IRGS wish her a speedy recovery.

WANTED: NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Your current board members are a very dedicated group. Most of them have been on the board from 5 to 15 years. It is time for YOU to step up and bring in new blood and enthusiasm. **Almost all positions**, officers and chairs, are open. Some would like help now and ask that if you are interested to please contact them for on-the-job training. Don't let your society and its members down.

- ◆ Editor - Guidelines, procedures and templates are ready for you.
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Treasurer
- ◆ Vice-President
- ◆ Public Relations
- ◆ President
- ◆ Recording
- ◆ Corresponding Secretary
- ◆ Library



Our April meeting guest speaker, Phil Wright and his talented assistant Katie Wright. What a great presentation! Thank you!



MINUTES OF IRGS MEETING - 8 APRIL 2008



President Pete Kersey began the meeting by introducing Phil Wright and his daughter Katie Wright in colonial dress, who led the pledge of allegiance.

Corresponding Secretary Diane Chazotte was not present. President Kersey noted that a card had been sent to Carol Whelan.

Treasurer Tom Garvey reported that the total amount in the treasury now stood at \$14,076.67. Income this year included \$2,538 from sales of the postcard book and \$1200.26 profit from the Valentine Seminar. The remainder of income totaled \$2,364, which was in line with the normal operating expenses. For that reason the extra income would be kept in checking and not put into a CD. Furthermore, there may be a future need for contribution to the library due to drastic budget cuts.

Vice President Jim Runnels reported that the NGS Seminar would be on May 14 in Kansas City, MO. He also reported that the Cultural council met on March 6 and added a new Speaker's Bureau. Finally, the Hibiscus Festival will be held in Vero Beach will be on April 19.

Pam Cooper, substituting for Past President Cindy Davis, reported that there had been a meeting regarding activities for the 25th anniversary of IRGS, to be celebrated next month. The program will feature either Drew Smith of the Genealogy Guys, or a Game Show. There will be a special cake, decorations and recognition of past presidents with a plaque. Marge Putzke will have our historic albums on display.

Education Chairperson Diane Macgowan reported that there are still many programs to be offered in the coming month. These include a Military Workshop on April 26 and a Heritage Quest workshop to be taught by Bill Forsythe of Heritage Quest on April 24. A Connecticut Forum will meet on April 14. The Beginner Classes, I and II, will continue through the summer. The GIGs will meet at their regular time, except for the Writing GIG. The Writing GIG will resume next Fall.

Pam Cooper, giving the Library Report, reported that severe budget cuts would impact the library's service. Staff has been cut and several paid internet subscriptions had to be dropped. Pam also re-

ported on a visit to West Palm Beach Library. Their collection is huge and an index of all books on the shelves has been carried out. Pam also announced that Gale Publications is offering all their material free for one week from April 13-April 19. Regarding the library, Pam is now focused on improving the collection on Ohio. She also announced that the French-Canadian group from Brevard will visit the library on April 21. On the same day, channel 10 news will be at the library to interview people in the Beginner Genealogy Class.

There is a growing need for library volunteers as snowbirds prepare to leave. Lastly, the Vero Beach Magazine has been featuring articles on the history of Indian River County. The sources and illustrations for all articles is our genealogy library and archive center.

Membership Chairperson Marcia Eyberse reported that there were 59 members and ten guests present at the meeting.

Public Relations Chair Suzy Bromwell reported that she will be getting an announcement of the 25th Anniversary into Your Hub in the Press Journal.

Pam Cooper announced a present need for a newsletter editor.

Nancy Garvey, reporting for the Postcard Committee, said that they have received a royalty check for \$1,484.85 from Arcadia Publications. They continue to showcase the book at various meetings and will continue in the Fall. The committee is requesting money for the purchase of a new projector for this and other IRGS purposes. This was unanimously approved.

Webmaster Phil Wright requested that GIG coordinators update him on summer schedules. Please send your changes and updates via email to calendar@irgs.org.

President Pete Kersey closed the meeting.

After a coffee break, the main program on Lexington and Concord was presented by Phil Wright and his daughter Katie Wright.

Diane Macgowan for Carol Whelan,
recording secretary.



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