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Postcard History Book Makes History

presented at the IRGS Membership Meeting, May 8, 10 a.m.

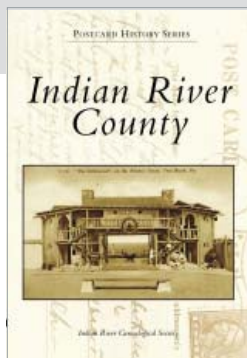
The Indian River Genealogical Society Postcard History book of Indian River County will soon be published. The work provides a treasure for those that enjoy our community. Our next membership meeting will feature this project.

Tony Young, an IRGS member, is marketing lead for the project, and will be happy to offer a presentation to groups and venues that may like a preview of the book.

The Book Committee, under the leadership of Ellen Stanley, has shaped a visual panorama you will take pride in reading.

In over 200 postcards, you will experience the many varied and vivid images that form the character of Indian River County today. Our history captures the main ingredients (lagoon, citrus, businesses, early pioneers, beach, and community) that make Vero Beach, Sebastian, Fellsmere and in between a pleasure to live in.

Expect the book from Arcadia Publishing at the end of July. You may contact Tony Young at youngaw@comcast.net. You have one more reason to look forward to summer!



New Interim Webmaster

The IRGS board would like to introduce our interim Webmaster, Tim Nightingale. Yes, you might recognize this surname. He is the husband to our Membership Chair, Donna Nightingale.

Tim comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience in computer technology. He worked with the UAW-GM Internal Organization as a computer consultant, and is a professional Microsoft Systems Engineer in both Macintosh and PC's.

Tim is certified in HTML, Scripting, and Web design and has created Web sites for GM and many organizations such as ours.

Tim will be a great asset to the IRGS.

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*The farther backward
you look,
the farther ahead
you can see.*

Winston Churchill

*Contributed by
George Gross,
IRGS Past President and
current member*

President's Corner



*IRGS President,
Patti A. Kirk*

Dear Members,

With the sunshine and warmth upon us, it's that special time of year to say 'good bye' to our northern friends, members and fellow researchers. It's a time to reflect on all the classes we've taken to extend our genealogy education and put into practice all that we have learned.

Our Tri-County Conference on April 14th was a real success with 80+ in attendance on a beautiful day filled with new friendships, fantastic programs, great food and memories. Our enthusiastic and knowledgeable speakers were outstanding!

Nancy Sieck, a long standing researcher opened our minds with Periodicals as another venue to use in breaking down those walls.

Doug Poulter's excellent hands-on presentation on the actual how- to's in English research were so very informative, not to mention his British accent to charm us.

Of course, our own Mary Mitchell was not only informative but very entertaining. Can you imagine anyone saying 'no' to an interview by Mary? Thank you, Mary.

Barbara Gathers won our hearts in teaching us about the Underground Railroad. Barbara's wonderful voice singing the hymns of her culture brought sadness to our hearts and tears to our eyes.

Naturally, Vera Zimmerman peaked all our interests in those old photos we have all inherited from family. Vera makes it all so simple, and as a group we now know 'why' little boys were skirts! Vera, you were great also.

Tri County Conference was a success of five societies, pulling together, working together and sharing together! And we thank you all for the positive feed back. We know our goal was accomplished!

Continued success, Patti

Contact me: (772) 567-7463 or ckirkfirst@comcast.net



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 29	30	1 <i>May Day</i> Brick Wall class: <i>Full!</i>	2	3	4	5 <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>
6	7	8 IRGS Membership meeting	9	10 Irish GIG	11	12
13 <i>Mother's Day</i>	14	15	16	17 French- Canadian GIG Swedish GIG Polish GIG	18	19 <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 <i>Memorial Day</i>	29	30	31	June 1	2

Genealogy Interest Groups, Special Interest Groups (GIG - Genealogy Interest Group; SIG - Special Interest Group)

GIG's and SIG's are a group of people who have a common interest in one aspect of family research; for example, interest in a particular foreign country. The basic concept of a GIG or SIG is IRGS members helping one another with their genealogical research, covering the whole spectrum from beginner to expert.

Event: Irish GIG

Date/Time: Thurs., May 10 ~ 1:00-3:00pm
Location: Library History Room
Contact: **Bill Murphy: (772) 299-3342**
email: wclhmurphy@bellsouth.net

Event: French-Canadian GIG

Date/Time: Thurs., May 17 ~ 1:00-3:00pm
Location: Library AIS Room
Contact: **Donna Nightingale:**
(772) 978-0107; donnawalt@aol.com

Event: Swedish GIG

Date/Time: Thurs., May 17 ~ 1:00-3:00pm
Location: Library History Room
Contact: **Diane Macgowan:**
(772) 234-0139; dmacgowan@aol.com

Event: Polish GIG

Date/Time: Thurs., May 17 ~ 3:00-5:00pm
Location: Library History Room
Contact: **Marg Putzke: (772) 569-0132;**
jmputzke@bellsouth.net

ProGenealogists - Family History

Research Group is an interesting web site who's mission is "to provide you with intelligent, well-documented and scholarly genealogical research." Check the "Articles" listing found within the 'Resources' tab at the top of the home page for dozens of articles written about genealogy subjects.

<http://www.progenealogists.com/>

Submitted by *Sandy McKenny, IRGS Instructor*

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is published monthly from September through May and is mailed to all current IRGS members. We also make it available online for your convenience at our Web site:

www.irgs.org

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Honoring the Women in Our Lives

submitted by various IRGS members

Mama

*written by Rose Marie Stubbs,
IRGS member*

My grandmother was Mama to all of her children – and to me. All of her other grandchildren revered her as Grandma, but our relationship was special.

When she was in her mid-fifties and I was only six, she brought me to New York to live with her. Mama



had been born and raised in Alabama under Jim Crow Laws. Despite the fact that she was 50 years my senior and had only a few years of formal schooling,

she took an active interest in my education by attending PTA meetings and supporting me in school and civic activities. She believed I should participate in all that was available to me. I was a Brownie and a Girl Scout, and went to summer camps for these organizations. During the school year I attended weekly religious instruction; summers I attended Vacation Bible School sessions at local churches.

Mama was my mentor. She talked to me very matter-of-factly about most things. When I was eight years old, Mama would have me make a list of amounts and give me sufficient cash to purchase money orders from the post office. Then she would guide me through the process of completing the forms, addressing the envelopes and actually mailing the bills for payment. She'd dictate letters for me to write to our family in Florida and Alabama. I thought I was helping her, but in reality, she was coaching and teaching me valuable skills that prepared me for a business career.

When I was nine years old and my cousin only six, we were placed aboard a train in New York City under the watchful eye of Pullman porters, bound for south Florida to spend the summer with family. We repeated this routine for several summers into our teen years without incident.

During the early years of the civil rights movement, a traditional eighth-grade trip to Washington, DC was threatened with cancellation when we were told the scheduled hotel wouldn't accommodate Negroes. Mama, along with the other Negro parents, met with school officials and agreed upon a course of action. Our class

went to Washington, DC. We later learned security personnel had been assigned to protect us during our three-day stay. Mama refused to be limited by her environment or circumstances.

Mama's precepts have shaped my lifestyle. She was neither a victim nor a martyr. She believed that a good name was to be cherished; that a friend would take you further than a dollar; that there was not so much in getting new things as in taking care of what you already had; that it was essential to know how to speak to others; and above all else, to be your own person – your sense of self-esteem was more important than what others thought of you.

Mama died several years ago at the age of 99. I will always miss her. Not a single day goes by that I don't think of something she would say or some principle she taught me. She will be alive as long as I am alive. We share more than DNA. I believe our souls are inextricably bound. The very essence of Mama has already been passed down to my children and grandchildren through relating my experiences to them.

Unwittingly, she was my inspiration to research our family's genealogy. She always stressed the importance of knowing and loving my family.

Grandma

*written by Jeanette Webber,
IRGS Recording Secretary*

My German grandparents, Max and Genevieve, lived on the second floor of a two-story house during WWII. They both came from the Baden area of Germany.

Their first floor tenant was from Northern Germany and considered himself superior to my grandparents' 'low German' status.

Of course, Grandpa was infuriated by this 'high German' attitude. Max would say, "Who does he think he is? I am the landlord!"

The tenant had many visitors at odd times of the day and night. Max once declared, "I bet you he is in the Bund (a pro-Nazi group)!" This turned out to be correct and after the tenant had been arrested by the police, my grandmother, being a typical hardworking "hausfrau," reacted in the only way

she knew; she scoured the apartment from top to bottom!

After witnessing this incident, (I was twelve years old), I, too, had to get down on my knees and help scrub the bad spirits out of that space.

Although I regret that I didn't learn to speak German, (Genevieve insisted that only English be spoken in their household), my dear Grandma has always been a symbol to me of the American spirit.

Remembering our Military Mother's

submitted by various IRGS members

Marie

written by Donna Waltl-Nightingale, IRGS Membership Chair

You've heard the stories about how proud everyone was that Dad served during WWII and other wars, but what about the women who served?

Many women joined the military, not only during wartime, but on the home front doing the jobs that the men would have done. Haven't we all heard about Rosie the Riveter? (Fun web site: <http://www.rosietheriveter.org/>)

I knew one such woman; my mother, Marie Lorna Muth, WWII Marine Corp.

Marie entered the service in April, 1944. Her basic training was at Camp LeJeune, NC. She was then stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and discharged in California, November, 1945. She remembers her time in service as an honor to serve our country and work along side our fighting men in uniform.

While these courageous women are still with us today, let's give thanks to those unsung heroines of the US military, the women veterans; our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and our women friends.

I'm sure they had good old war stories, just like the men.



Marie Lorna Muth

Eleanor

submitted by Joan Burns, IRGS member

I would like to honor my second cousin, Eleanor Katherine (Damm) Wicker. She was born in Brooklyn, NY in 1915, and died in 2006. She served as a Navy WAVE during WWII.

Eleanor was sent to Pensacola, Florida, then Key West. She met her husband, Holmes, in the service. Both are buried in the Veteran's Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.

Although Eleanor isn't with us now, we're very proud of her service. It's a privilege to thank these and all the incredible women (including one of my daughter's!) for their time served in the military and for our country.

Web site for the National Archive access to archival databases, including all wars and international relations:

<http://aad.archives.gov/aad/>

Numbers of women serving with the American military in World War II:

- Army - 140,000
- Navy - 100,000
- Marines - 23,000
- Coast Guard - 13,000
- Air Force - 1,000
- Army and Navy Nurse Corps - 74,000

For a fascinating look at women who actually joined and fought (disguised as men!) in the Civil War, among others who served as nurses, physicians and spies, log on to <http://userpages.aug.com/captbarb/femvets2.html>.

This is an excellent site for information on all women veterans, "yesterday-today-tomorrow."

More than 1,000 women served as pilots associated with the US Air Force in the WASP (Women Air Force Service Pilots) but were considered civil service workers. They weren't recognized for their military service until the 1970s.

On November 23, 1942, legislation was approved creating the US Coast Guard Women's Reserve, known as the SPARs. Their original name, WORCOGS, was replaced by the nautical term and contraction of the Coast Guard's motto - **Semper Paratus, Always Ready**.

During WWII, the SPARs were the answer to the Coast Guard's problem of needing more men at sea and more troops on foreign soil. <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-cp/history/Women%20Index.html>



All that I am my mother made me.

John Quincy Adams

Web sites for women in the service:

US Navy Memorial
<http://www.lonesailor.org/>

Military Women Home Page
<http://www.militarywoman.org/>

Military Women Veterans
<http://userpages.aug.com/captbarb/>

Military Women Pilots
<http://userpages.aug.com/captbarb/pilots.html>

The Women's Army Corp
<http://www.army.mil/CMH/brochures/wac/wac.htm>

Contributed by Donna Waltl-Nightingale, IRGS Membership Chair

Grandmother Talbot

Written by Patti Kirk, IRGS President

Grandmother Talbot married a young man on the ship from England to New York. It was suppose to be a marriage of convenience to ensure her entry into this country. Six years and six children later, her husband died of the Spanish gripe. In 1918, four months after his death, she delivered a set of twins into this world.

Alone with eight children to raise she had a garden and the will to accomplish anything. She baked pies and breads and the local farmer sold them on his milk delivery route.

Maggie walked to Mass every day of her adult life, often toting the youngest in a pull wagon. Father Lee never started Mass unless Maggie and the children were seating in the front pew; a place no one ever sat in because that was reserved for Maggie and her family.

She disliked Irish folks and was extremely disappointed that her son married a young girl that was Irish, a real disgrace to her. She never let him forget it and always reminded my mother that her husband could have done better.

Upon her death at 88 years, we discovered her birth certificate. She was born in Galway, Ireland. Another formal paper we found was a deportation paper removing my great-grandparents and their five children from Ireland to Scotland. Maggie's father Timothy had killed a pig in the famine to feed his family. In the eyes of the law, as he fed his family, he had broken the law!

Maggie never forgave Ireland in relocating her family to Scotland.

Celebrating America's 400th Birthday

The Godspeed, The Susan Constant, and The Discover. The date was April 26, 1607. A small band of Englishmen landed at the mouth of the Chesapeake at Cape Henry on April 26 of that year. They sailed up the James River and founded Jamestown, Virginia on May 14, 1607.

We mark that day as America's 400th Anniversary, a time to honor and celebrate the founding of Jamestown, America's first permanent English colony in Virginia in 1607. That settlement established a cultural that helped shaped the heritage of our nation, giving us the legacy free enterprise, representative government and cultural diversity.

The 400th anniversary of this major event in American history is being commemorated throughout 2007 with major events, exhibits and educational programs at Jamestown Settlement. For more information on this event and more, log on to:

<http://www.historyisfun.org/jamestown/jamestownhistory.cfm>



IRGS Students, Tear Down Those Brick Walls!



Brick Wall class students work diligently on additional research provided by instructors to help find those missing ancestors.

Tri-County Conference



The 80-plus attendees from the successful Tri-Co. Conference on April 14th listen to Barbara Gathers' excellent presentation on the Underground Railroad.

"Ancestors" on TV

Kick back, tune in and get ready to go to class from the comfort of your own home (or turn on your VCR.) "Ancestors," the popular genealogy television broadcast covers topics such as census, court house records, cemeteries, and much more. Every week is a different topic with helpful Web sites suggested.

Check your television guide for programming changes. PBS may run their fundraiser and "Ancestors" may be bumped for another week. "Ancestors" is on PBS, WXEL (cable 42; channel 2,) Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Recommended by Wanda Ritchie, Membership Co-Chair and IRGS member

George's Law of Technology: Any technical problem can be overcome given enough time and money.

George's Corollary: You are never given enough time or money.

Thanks to George Gross, IRGS member who never lacks timely wisdom.

Pam Cooper Receives Laurel Award

Congratulations to Pam Cooper on receiving the 2007 Laurel Award in recognition for leadership in the IRC Arts and Cultural Community. At press time, the Laurel Awards ceremony was held on April 11th at the Grand Harbor Club. IRGS congratulates Pam on her role in the preservation of Indian River County's history for the future.

Curtain Call, Part Two

by Diane McDonald Chazotte, IRGS Member

My parents traveled extensively, with pictures to prove it. Although Mom was a performer, she was basically shy, but dedicated to anything she did. She was the consummate 'lady', and did not brag about her illustrious career. Now, the pictures and articles tell the story.

My maternal grandfather was an RN. Who heard of male nurses in that generation? Where did he get his training? How did he become the chief psychiatric nurse at Bellevue Hospital in NY, responsible for the criminally insane? I also recently learned that he was orphaned at 9, with two younger siblings. Who raised them and

what happened to his brother and sister? I certainly never heard this tragic story.

Although my father came from a large family, they were not emotionally close. My youngest paternal uncle was the only one I knew, barely. There were two half sisters from my father? Mmm -- I never heard this until one died suddenly when I was a senior in high school.

A good play leaves you waiting for the next act. Good books often spawn sequels. Right now, I'm learning the plot of the next act — and I'm not ready for the final curtain call.

Florida History Facts

1513 - Spaniard Juan Ponce de Leon began to explore Florida, claiming the region for Spain, but was unable to establish a colony due to Indian attacks.

1818 - General Andrew Jackson battled with the Indians settled in FL. This war would be known as the First Seminole War.

1845 - Florida was admitted to the Union as a slave state on March 3, 1845.

1861-1865 - Florida seceded from the Union and joined the Confederacy (early in the Civil War.)

1868 - Florida was readmitted to the Union with a new state constitution

guaranteeing civil rights and giving blacks the right to vote.

1920 - Depression hit the economy of Florida in the 20's. The Great Depression (1929) saw banks closed, thousands lost their jobs and tourism stopped.

1945 - Florida became the 27th state in the U.S. The first governor was William Moseley.

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Laughter is a tranquilizer with no side effects.

Anonymous

Contributed by George Gross with a smile on his face

"Dear Freda..."

Freda Hoppe, a lifetime member of the IRGS, is an outstanding and experienced researcher.

In her monthly column, Freda will answer research questions, offer numerous tips and share wonderful stories with you.



Please submit question you have so she may assist and guide you in your research.

Freda is anxious to hear from you!

Mail your questions to IRGS, P.O. Box 1850, Vero Beach, FL 32961.

Dear Freda,

I am so inspired with this genealogy research. My goal for this summer is census research. I have found some census records to add to some of my blank spots. I am confused and know that not all information is correct, especially ages. Why is that? Nelda

Dear Nelda

The actual date the census wrote on the form is not the date to draw information from. The actual and official census date is the most important. The following chart will assist you.

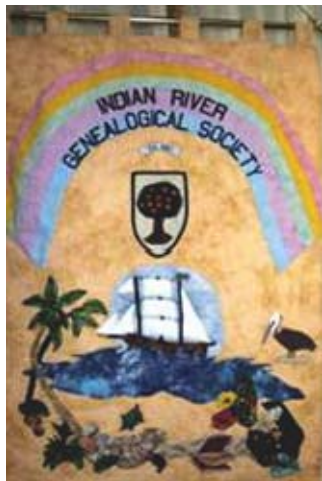
Keep up the great work, and try to learn something each day!

<u>Census</u>	<u>Census Day</u>
1790	Aug 2
1800	Aug 4
1810	Aug 6
1820	Aug 7
1830	Jun 1
1840	Jun 1
1850	Jun 1
1860	Jun 1
1870	Jun 1
1880	Jun 1
1890	Jun 1
1900	Jun 1
1910	April 15
1920	Jan 1
1930	April 1

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