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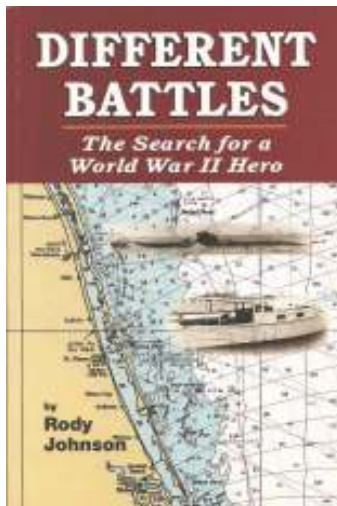
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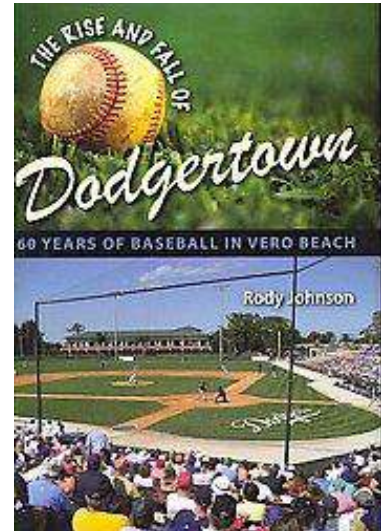
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Join us as we hear from the author of two books of hometown interest!! Learn insights on chapters of Indian River lore.

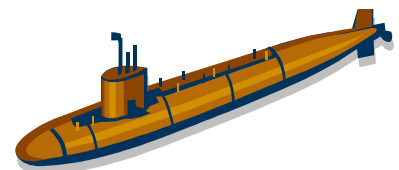
The Indian River Genealogical Society presents: Rody Johnson



Tuesday, May 11th at the Main Library
Downstairs Meeting Room
9:30-10:15 Meeting
10:15-10:45 Break & Social
10:45- Presentation/Discussion



Tales of Note: Stories of WWII
German U-Boats and the
Dodgertown legacy.



Come Hear a Local Author!

President's Message

Tom Garvey



Can't believe the season is winding down. It has been a good season and we had very good attendance. I went back and looked up all the programs starting in September through May. I was rather curious about which I liked best. The range of subjects and the variety really amazed me. We had programs aimed at specific **areas of research** like German, DNA or Civil War Veterans, or **sources of information** like Land Records, Google or Family Search.

In a slightly different approach we had programs and workshops **demonstrating genealogy programs** to help organize your information like Dueling Software, Family Tree Maker, PAE, Legacy and RootsMagic. Then there were programs aimed at **publishing your family information** like Beyond a Family Photo Album and The Art of Recording Life Stories. In addition, we had our GIGs which delve into areas of special interest. Now that is a tough choice to pick the best. Frankly, I don't think it is important to pick the best, but rather appreciate the total spectrum of help and inspiration that is being provided to our members and visitors at our monthly meetings and workshops.

Now comes the important part! During the summertime, let's put the information and inspiration to good use. Most people plan their traveling during the summer months. Let's plan our trips so that we can utilize the information to do some more genealogy research about our own families. Maybe we can hurdle that brick wall that has been eluding us for years. (Be sure you make some notes, so you can share when you return) Happy Hunting!!

Here's a little reminder, If you attended the Valentine Seminar, you received a gift certificate for the National Institute for Genealogical Studies for a free course—'Methodology, Part 1'. The offer expires **May 31, 2010**. It is printed on gray paper, so you may want to locate it if you are interested.

The Executive Board is presently working on plans for next season. The Program Committee, led by Tony Yong, has already composed a general approach to next season. Dovetailing subjects for monthly meetings, workshops and GIGs require careful planning. The board has its hands full when we add the coordination of the Valentine Seminar. My impression is that next season's programs are going to be just as informative and cover as broad a spectrum of genealogy interests as this season. Just keeping up with new additions and expanded offerings on the internet is a job unto itself; but what an exciting challenge!

This summer many of you will be spending solid family time with children and grandchildren. Why not take the opportunity to tell the younger generations about their ancestors? Don't deluge them with dry, humorous facts, but tell them about the black sheep in the family or participation in famous historical events. Bringing actual history to life will mean more to them. Of course, we can always rely on the favorite tale of walking 5 miles to school, uphill both ways!!!

Happy genealogy hunting and maybe a warm family reunion.

PA Researchers may find land tract maps & Philadelphia County maps at <http://ancestortracks.com/>
This company prints & sells maps. There are charges for packets, but are useful for research.

Researchers who need documents translated may enjoy the use of Google's Chrome Translator for 13 languages. <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2361433,00.asp>.

Thank You Sandy McKenny

Library News

Ellen Stanley

THE RUSTIN MILITARY COLLECTION

The Rustin Military Collection consists of nearly a thousand military books and periodicals collected by Richard E. Rustin during his lifetime. His wife, Ginette Rustin, donated this collection from his estate to the Archive Center and Genealogy Department, Indian River County Main Library, in October 2009 – April 2010.

Richard E. Rustin passed away July, 2008. His wife considered him a genius regarding military history. He was a brilliant writer, a former reporter, manager and assistant chief of the New York news bureau. He edited coverage at the heart of the Wall Street Journal's financial and economic news operations. He served in the U. S. Navy as an officer from 1956 to 1959.

The focus of his collection centered on World War I and World War II. The collection also includes books on the Revolutionary War, Civil War, Mexican War, Korean War, and Viet Nam War, among others. Regimental histories, and books of detailed campaigns, military science, military equipment and biography predominate.

The library is very fortunate to have such a magnificent research collection containing many rare, out of print and hard to find volumes. It should be of great interest to anyone exploring military history. To date, nearly half of the collection has been processed and is available to the public in the Genealogy Department.

Editor's Note: While Ellen is arduously working to catalog the remainder of this collection, Mrs. Rustin has informed the society that she intends to make further donations. We also have a member who has expressed interest in facilitating a military GIG. Watch for details in September.

MUSTY DUSTY COURTHOUSES AND MORE

Pete Kersey

In a trip to Jefferson County in the Florida panhandle last month, I found land records in the courthouse that showed my GG Grandfather Bannister Kersey had purchased some 400 acres of land in 1849 on or next to a beautiful little lake. I went to the Property Appraiser's Office next and asked for maps showing the range, township, lot numbers etc. to actually find the land today. A very helpful clerk dug into their files, found where the land is, got out a county map and showed me how to drive out there.

A trip of about six miles out of town, off the main highway, down a dirt road, through a pine woods area suddenly opened up to the vista you see in the photo that goes with this little story.

This is a small example of putting meat on the bones of your family history stories. As I told the folks at our last Genealogical Society meeting, you do not always get what you are after, but frequently you wind up with information and stories you would not have found without that search process. So, I urge you, when ever you can, get away from the computer and get out in the field to do some old fashioned family research through musty dusty courthouse records, you never know where they may lead you.

That trip's initial purpose was to prove I was a member of a **Florida Pioneer Family**, a direct lineage to a family living in Florida when it became a state in 1845. Unfortunately, I could get no closer than 1849 for my family moving into Florida. I did find those land records and additional records proving that my GG Grandfather was not a very nice person. More on that when we convene next September and talk about the rascals in our families.

Lake Banister,

Jefferson County, North Florida



Preserving Family History– It's Your Own Style

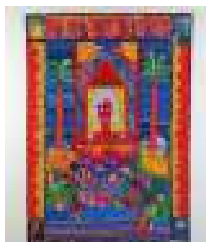
Diane Chazotte

We have often heard the phrase 'different strokes for different folks'. That means of course, that in many areas of life, there are no hard and fast rules and a 'must do'. That seems particularly appropriate in the area of passing family legacies from one generation to another. As I see it, the only 'must do' is that **we must do it**. As genealogists, we have found the technical ways of passing ancestral information along. This is the bare bones way of creating the skeleton of our heritage. Most of us have learned way too late in life, that it would have been much easier to quiz our parents or grandparents while they were still alive. Some of us have had that luxury, but most have not. My challenge to you is this:

What is your passion? Do you sing, write, draw, sew, cook– then share recipes, make scrapbooks, take photographs? Are you the family storyteller with little ones upon your knee? Whatever the pleasure, share the treasure. Make the decision this summer to do whatever it is that makes you and your family unique. Here are a few tips from your friends in IRGS.

The Writing GIG will meet all summer.* Contact Alice Gorman at Aetnaalice@aol.com. No master classes in writing here. Sharing is great while gleaning ideas from others. The Writing GIG was commissioned to give its presentation to another audience. Kudos to the entire group under Mary Mitchell's hand.

Life is like a Patchwork Quilt was taken to heart by Susan Rienzo who writes and quilts.



This is '**Sunshine on my Shoulders**' made by Susan in 'quilting lab'

Do you now feel the urge to gather the stray strips of fabric and do some 'glue art' with scanned copies of

old pictures?



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While Susan is sewing, Joy Eakin is in the kitchen or at the table making **Recipe Books** for adult daughters & family brides.

Cottage cheese Pancakes Makes 4 servings
From Susie Hoadley-Good for breakfast or dinner

1 cup flour
1 cup milk
1 cup cottage cheese
2 - 3 tbsp sugar
4 eggs separated
Banana
Blueberry
Peacans nuts

Whip the 4 egg whites till white and partially stiff, set aside.
Mix all other ingredients includes 4 egg yolks.
Then fold in egg whites.
Preheat griddle to 425 to 450 degree.
Drop on griddle.
Add slices of bananas, blueberries, and pecans.
Put a light layer of batter over the fruits and nuts to enclose them inside.
Turn once when brown, done when firm.
Note: Can cut eggs to 0ne less, or 1 less yolk.
For 1 person 1/4 cup of dry ingred. And 1 egg.
2 people 1/2 cup of dry and 2 eggs; ect, ect

Sharing is Caring!

I'm a GIG Master (Polish & German)
Marg Putzke

As I'm creating these beautiful ancient symbols on the what it would have been like on those long, cold country" when my great grandmothers and her friends candlelight, creating pysanky, telling stories, and void of television, computers and phones.



eggs, I can't help think winter nights in the "old would sit by enjoying this simple life,



These pictures from last month were left in deliberately, as this is one of Marg's way of sharing her heritage.

Don't know what to do with old pictures? Marg can help you work on those over the summer. Contact her at jmputzke@bellsouth.net.

Do you ever see articles like this in a magazine or newspaper and think to cut it out for your kids?

1909
The year is 1909, one hundred years ago. What a difference a century makes! Here are some statistics for the Year 1909 :
The average life expectancy was 47 years.
Fuel for cars was sold in drug stores only
Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.
Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.
There were only 8,000 cars and 144 miles of paved roads. The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 miles per hour.
The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower
The average wage in 1909 was 22 cents per hour.
The average worker's yearly wage was \$200 to \$400.
More than 95 percent of all births took place at home .
Ninety percent of all doctors had no college education. Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and the government as 'substandard.'
Sugar cost four cents a pound.
Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.
Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.
Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
The American flag had 45 stars.
The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30!!!
There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.
Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.
Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores. Back then pharmacists said, 'Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is a perfect guardian of health'
Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.
There were about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.A.
Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years. It is hard to imagine!

"On The Wings of Eagles"



This was a memory book made for Grandson John in April, 2008 documenting 4 generations of scouting in the McDonald/Chazotte/Rekemeyer families . We have a rich scouting legacy which includes several Eagle Scouts. John was inducted as the newest Eagle in the family. The book was displayed during his reception and is a treasured memento of the occasion. Not only was this a treasure for John, but for his troop, which asked to display it on special occasions. There is now a younger high school age grandson in the chase for the rank of 'Eagle'. Go Tyler! A granddaughter is enjoying the Sea Scout experience.

Thank You Alice.

Diane Chazotte

The Importance of Delayed Birth Certificates

Bryan Mulcahy– Reference Librarian, Lee County, FL

One of the most common research problems encountered by patrons is the lack of birth certificates for ancestors. This problem is especially significant for those researching ancestors born prior to 1900 even though most states had enacted specific laws mandating that births had to be registered. However, implementation was far from consistent, especially in many rural and remote areas of the country. This was particularly true in the south and west. In many of these areas, if officials saw the baby present, that was proof enough for them!

The election of Franklin Roosevelt and his implementation of the Social Security and Railroad Retirement Acts exposed numerous problems throughout the county with lax enforcement and the problems that it created. It marked the first time that the United States required citizens to prove their legal date and place of birth.

To obtain benefits or be issued a social security card, the most common types of documents or methods used as proof included:

1. Baptismal/Christening certificates
2. Family Bible record entries
3. School attendance records
4. Military service records and discharge papers
5. Naturalization papers
6. Any miscellaneous legal or church generated documents that showed birth related information
7. Information on the 1880, 1900-1930 censuses if the person could be located (this situation led to the development of Soundex and Miracode Indexes).
8. Affidavit from a relative who had personal knowledge of the birth
9. Affidavit from a midwife or medical person who assisted with the actual birth
10. Affidavit from a neighbor or family member who had personal knowledge of birth

It is important to note that the county where the delayed birth certificate was issued was often different than the county where the actual birth took place. In most cases, delayed birth certificates were issued in the place of residence at the time of application. This was perfectly legal at the time.

During World War II, many defense related industries required certain classifications of workers with delayed birth certificates to obtain additional decrees from a court of record. They had to provide the same type of documented proof as the classifications listed above. While this was not a common occurrence it should be noted as a possibility when all else fails.

I received this Powerpoint presentation link from a friend. It is beautifully done. Enjoy! Thanks, Fred

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Remember to check Google Chrome if you need to have a document translated.

- There are now dates for the ‘Summer Writing GIG’. It will meet on the 3rd. Wednesday of the month beginning on May 19, at 1 PM in the History Room. A suggestion for May might be a memory of Mother’s Day or Memorial Day. The following dates will be June 16, July 21, Aug 18, etc. to the end of the year, when Mary Mitchell will return from CT. Once again, continue to write and contact Alice Gorman at aetnaalice@aol.com.

It is important that we have participation, as the History Room has been reserved. Ed.

April Meeting Pictures

Tony Young-Photographer

The Polish GIG hosted the April meeting in honor of Orthodox Easter. The room was resplendent with both decorations and goodies.



This tablecloth was embroidered by Marg Putzke's grandmother.

There were many treasures brought by members of the Polish GIG.

The IRGS meeting was held just a few days after the tragic plane crash which claimed the life of Poland's president, his wife and many dignitaries. Members of the Polish community wore red in solidarity for their countrymen.



The IRGS membership observed a moment of silence in their memory.

Our deepest condolences to the people of Poland.

May will close the 2009-2010 monthly meetings. We will reconvene in September. There will be activities which continue. Please check the IRGS website for continuing coverage of events.



May 15th. Special Event
Phil Wright will cover
Family Tree Maker
9:30-Noon
Large Media Room

In Memoriam
Richard Olney
Past President, IRGS
1923-2010

IRGS Officers-2010

Tom Garvey- President

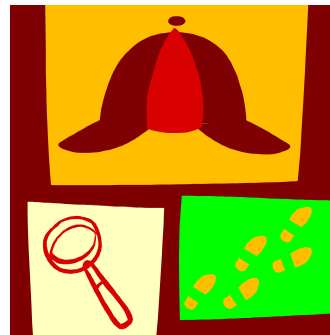
Tony Young- Vice President

Pat Burdsall- Treasurer

Marilyn Row- Recording Secretary

Diane Chazotte- Corresponding Secretary*

*Diane is also the Newsletter Editor



Have a Great Summer Sleuthing!

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Please contact webmaster@irgs.org to post announcements.

IRGS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 13, 2010

President Tom Garvey opened the general meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the main meeting room of the Indian River County Library with a quorum in attendance.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 9, 2010 general meeting were unanimously approved as published in the Newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary: Diane Chazotte reported that no cards were sent as no notices of illness or death have been received.

Treasurer's Report: Patricia Burdsall advised that the CD matured in mid-March and the full amount of \$6,854.98 was put in the IRGS checking with an overall total of \$15,829.06.

President's Report: Tom advised that Marg Putzke emailed all German GIG members a web site to search for German surnames. A copy of the list was available to review. If anyone wants the web site info, sign your email address on the sheet at the table and he will send it to you.

Military Books: Tom reported that Pam has been working on getting the outstanding collection of military books donated by the wife of Richard E. Rustin which are now on the new library shelves. She credited Ellen for all the difficult work of cataloging the books. Mrs. Rustin recently donated about 100 more military books. Tom then introduced Howard Kettler who plans to donate about 80 military books to the library. Mr. Kettler presented a few ideas on how to get others to donate their military books or military items and make the collection even larger. It was requested that all members consider donating military books to this collection.

Vice-President's Report: Workshops: Tony Young announced the following workshops which will be in the library's main meeting room: **April 17** "PAF" (Personal Ancestry File) by Tom Garvey; and **May 15** "Family Tree Maker" by Phil Wright. Post Card Book: Arcadia advised that about 2,600 copies of the book have been sold. In the meantime, copies are available at the Friends of the Library and the Heritage Center. More books have been ordered.

Newsletter editor: Diane Chazotte advised that she will be going out of town the last week of April so please send her any items for the newsletter soon. If anyone has any unusual way of passing on their family heritage to their children or grandchildren, please let her know so it can be featured in the newsletter.

Membership: Marcia Eyberse advised that there were 102 members present today with 17 guests for a total of 119 people.

Library Report: Pete Kersey reported that Pam has given her okay for the IRGS to hang the IRGS plaque which lists all our past presidents and the 25th anniversary proclamation in the library above the copier.

Public Relations: Suzy Bromwell advised that it is Pam and her program presentations that are responsible for the large crowd at our meeting; the press release on Monday just helped.

Members Sharing: Sandy McKenny announced that Joy Eakin has translated the CD that was in German to English using Google. Google also has 13 other languages it can translate. Pete Kersey talked about searching a bunch of dusty old court records only to find out one of his ancestors missed out on being a Florida pioneer by just a few years. However, he did uncover many other details. Pat Burdsall told about her recent trip to Fairfax County, Virginia where she was able to get a lot of great pictures of the graves of her ancestors. An archivist in Fairfax had given her the name of the church which is quite small but very active. Pam Cooper advised that the TV program "Who do You Think You Are" was so successful that the series will run a second season. Marcia Eyberse advised that her husband was on Facebook with a cousin in the Netherlands who sent him a book covering five generations of the family. Marg Putzke advised that after sending out about 50 messages on Facebook, she found out there is a limit on the number you can send. She did succeed in getting an English speaking person relative in Germany to communicate with.

Adjourned for wonderful coffee and refreshments from the Polish GIG.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn E. Row, Recording Secretary

**May Program Information Omitted* Ed.*