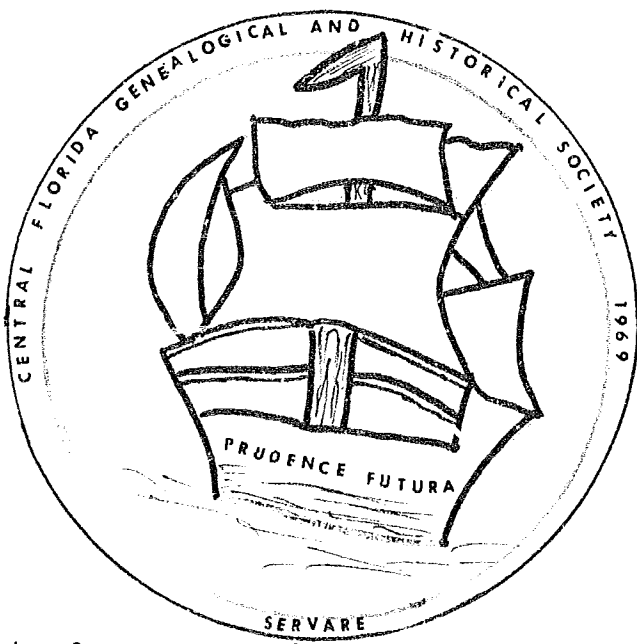


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Due to the lack of a quorum of members at our August meeting, the Nominating Committee, headed by Mrs. Betty Aston, was unable to present the slate of proposed officers. This necessitated having to present the slate as well as elect and install the officers at the September meeting. The needed quorum, even then, was achieved by the belated arrival of one more member, although we did hold a written proxy.

This unexpected postponement of nominations should make all of us aware of our obligation to attend the meetings and to participate in the activities of our Society.

The newly elected officers were honored at a coffee arranged by Mrs. Mary Ballenger at the lovely Baptist Terrace on September 24, on the occasion of the first anniversary of the Central Florida Genealogical and Historical Society. Very effective table decorations and the anniversary cake carried out the colors of lavender, blue and green, with tapers to increase the feeling of festivity.

Mrs. Peola I. Stuart, Mrs. Alice H. Rupe, Mrs. Pat Dietz, Mr. Alton J. M olle, Sr., Mrs. Betty Hughson and Mrs. Elizabeth C. Allyn were elected to the positions, respectively of President, First-Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Cooresponding Secretary and Historian. Mrs. Hughson and Mr. M olle were the only new officers elected, as the others were incumbents.

The following was taken from the "Saturday Review of Literature". It seems very pertinent to the problems of genealogy.

IT TAKES ONLY A MOMENT

A simple fact like the date of Inigo Jones' death is easy. You can look in the Encyclopedia Americana and find that it was July 21, 1652. Or, if you place greater trust in the Britannica, you can look there and find it was July 5, 1651. If you prefer an English answer, you can find one in the Dictionary of National Biography - June 21, 1652.

My English prof repeatedly impressed on me the thoughtlessness of taking the time of an important personage, such as an English prof, to get answers for simple, factual questions. If it was something that could be found on one page of one book you could look it up. In some research I've been doing recently, I've realized how true that is.

Suppose I want to know where Martin Luther King, Jr., got his Phd. It takes only a moment to check in a recent scholarly work, American Christianity by Smith, Handy and Loetscher, to find that it was Boston University. Or, with equal ease, one can turn to the Columbia Encyclopedia for the answer: Harvard.

Sometimes you have to look around a bit to find certainty. If you should be seeking, for example, the year Hugh of Saint Victor was born, the New Catholic Encyclopedia is vague, "and of eleventh century". The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church, a little more precise, says c. 1096. The Columbia Encyclopedia, which presumably received later word giving final confirmation, makes it a definite 1096.

For a recent article, I needed to know how many member churches the World Council of Churches had at its founding in 1948. For such information you are not dependent just on the New Catholic Encyclopedia, which says 145. Or on the authoritative History of Ecumenical Movement, edited by Rouse and Neill, which says 147.

Fortunately, the Council published the official report of the founding Assembly. So you can get the number from the General Secretary's report to the Assembly - 150. Or, if you don't mind taking the time, you can turn to the back of the book, where the churches represented are listed and count them - 123.

There's no reason to bother other people for information like that.

- Tracy Early -

DID YOU KNOW

In 1685, the Provincial Executive Council of Philadelphia ordered those dwelling in caves along the Delaware River to come out by a certain date so Front Street could be opened and that many of the caves were inhabited by Irish immigrants.

From Notes on Southside Virginia, Bulletin of the Virginia State Library, Vol. XV, No. 2-4, Sept. 1925:

Mr. Yates, of Mottoway County, Virginia, built himself a dam. He bragged around the countryside that he had built his dam so strong that God Almighty Himself couldn't break it. But, not so long afterward a heavy rain came, and the dam broke and went downstream.

Interview with the Mortician of McLouth, Kansas, regarding some of my relatives:

"Yes", he said "We know all about George Stallard. He owned the Star Grocery, and was so enterprising he sometimes took his wares around the country in a wagon to sell staples to farmers who didn't often get to town. He was of a religious turn, and never failed to bring up some biblical subjects in his conversation. It was the joke of the countryside that he always predicted the end of the world was very close - and then tried to stock them up with enough groceries to last six months to a year."

On a different tack, I also found this in the above cited Notes on Southside Virginia:

Tom Paine's Age of Reason was published in 1794 and had a strong influence in Mottoway County. William Branch Giles (who attended Grub Hill Church in Painsville, Amelia County, but was an infidel,, gambler and lawyer) founded the Paineville Infidel Club. It was a society for philosophic study and debate. Dr. James Jones was one of the members of the club. It lasted until 1810, but during this interval, Dr. Jones lost two children. He could find no comfort in philosophy, and turned to religion. In 1810, he made a speech before the club about his experiences. The club immediately disbanded, possibly because others were beginning to have similar thoughts. Dr. Jones later became an Elder in the Presbyterian Church.

In a recent trip to New York State, while searching in cemeteries for my ancestors graves, I was delighted to find my great-great grandfather's gravestone, bearing the date of the year he died, his age at the time of his death, where he was born (which was Tipperary, Ireland), and the following epitaph.

Remember, man, as you pass by
As you are now, once so was I
As I am now, so you will be
Remember, man, eternity.
Rest in Peace.

Don't you think these epitaphs are quite philosophical and an insight to the person? Perhaps you also have found some interesting epitaphs you would like to share with us.

Mary Jane Knisely

THE SOUTHERN GENEALOGIST'S EXCHANGE SOCIETY, INC.

WILL HOLD IT'S

SEVENTH ANNUAL WORKSHOP

Date: Friday, October 23rd, & Saturday, October 24th. 1970.

Place: Concourse Room, Golf Tower, on Gulf Life Drive, on the St. Johns River, adjacent to Sheraton of Jacksonville Hotel-Motel, Jacksonville, Florida.

SPEAKERS: Mr. Paul F. Royall, General Secretary, The Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Miss Mary M. Johnson, Chief Counselor, National Archives, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Winston De Ville, Director, Genealogical Publishing Company and Regional Publishing Company, Baltimore, Maryland.

During the six sessions of the Workshop, the above will speak to the genealogists attending, (amateur, family, professional and librarian genealogists), two to three times each. They also expect to have with them as in the past, our Florida Archivist and Director of Archives, Mr. Williams and Mr. Johnson, but have not yet received confirmation of their schedule for those dates.

Mr. Royall is well qualified with his many years experience with the largest genealogical society to speak on several subjects which will be of great interest to us. Miss Johnson is very highly recommended and those attending may wish to bring with them their "Guide to Genealogical Records in the National Archives", (or you may purchase a copy at the Workshop), which Miss Johnson will discuss as well as the unofficial books on use of the National Archives, etc., known by the title, "Lest We Forget" published by the Potomac Stake of the L.D.S. Church; and other subjects of her choice. Mr. De Ville is a well qualified genealogist and historian with specialties in French and Spanish colonial and foreign genealogy as well as the preservation of historical documents, publishing of books related to genealogy, etc.

Write for a tentative program to: Programs, S.G.E. Society, Inc., P. O. Box 2801, Jacksonville, Florida 32203.

Accommodations will be available within close walking distance at Travel Lodge and Sheraton Hotel-Motel. Workshop fee is \$5.00.

We have the following names to add to our collection of the surnames our members are researching and the area. If you haven't as yet turned in your surnames do so, please, so we all may try to be of help to our fellow members.

Elizabeth C. Allyn: TENEYCK: New York and New Jersey
TUNISON (DENYCE): New York, New Jersey,
and Texas
LONG, BUDD: New Jersey
VAN ARSDALEN: New Jersey and New York
SAMPSON, CROUCH: New Jersey
Lorna Lindstrom: COYLE, Northwestern Pennsylvania
DODGE, DRESSER, GARFIELD: Massachusetts
Morean Rankin: SELMAN, SILMAN, SILLMAN: Virginia, North
Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia
and North Florida
SHEATS, SHEEIS: Virginia, North Carolina,
and South Carolina
MILEY: Virginia, North Carolina, South
Carolina, Georgia and Alabama
MEADOWS: Virginia, South Carolina, South
Carolina, Georgia and Alabama
MATHEWS: Virginia, North Carolina, South
Carolina, Georgia and Alabama

The following pamphlets are available to members from one meeting to the next meeting for a fee of \$.50.

THE REGISTRAR OF KENTUCKY STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANDREW JACKSON IN NEW ORLEANS
MARYLAND HISTORICAL MAGAZINE
WEST FLORIDA REVOLUTION OF 1810
AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Knisely has very generously offered to let the members borrow some of her books on an inter-library loan basis. By this we mean that Mrs. Willis would make the arrangements for the reading of the books in the library. The books are not to be taken home. The books are listed below:

RISE OF THE DUTCH REPUBLIC by Motley (3 volumes)
SCOTTISH CHIEFS by Jane Porter
ROYAL EDINBURGH by Oliphant
DAYS OF BRUCE by Gran Aguilar
CLANS AND TARTANS OF SCOTLAND by Robert Bain
A SHORT HISTORY OF IRELAND FROM EARLIEST TIMES TO 1608 by Joyce
UNITED NETHERLAND by Motley (2 volumes)
HIGHLAND IN HISTORY by MacKinnon

The Society extends its very best wishes to Beverly Jeanne Sargent, daughter of Shirley and Frederick Sargent, upon her approaching marriage on October 17, 1970, to Gary Erwine.

Shirley and Freddie, incidentally, are the new editors of the NEWSLETTER, and this is their first issue. We urge each of you to contribute any information of a genealogical and/or historical nature for possible use in future editions. If it is interesting to you, someone else will find it of interest, also.

MEETINGS

The October meeting of the Society will consist of general information for the members, including an outline of projected programs for the 1970-1971 year. Please attend and offer your suggestions for the greatest interest and betterment of the group.

Our November meeting will be in the form of a covered dish supper, family style, so popular last year. Please bring a covered dish, as well as silverware, for your family. The plates and cups will be furnished. This gathering will be at the Baptist Terrace, at 6:30 PM. Adequate parking is in the rear, in an allocated area. Following the supper we will have a workshop type meeting, so don't forget to bring your materials. Names will be drawn for the annual December gift exchange.

December - Christmas Gift Exchange - to be announced.

Board meetings are scheduled as follows:

October - none scheduled
November 11th, 8:00 PM
December 9th, 8:00 PM

The dues for the coming year are due and payable as approved by the membership through amendment of the bylaws. Dues are \$5.00. for each member.

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DECEMBER

To be announced