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CONYERS GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Saturday, August 15, 2015

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
1275 Flat Shoals Road, Conyers, GA

Time: 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Sponsors: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Reservations: Reservations are requested.
Walk-ins are most welcomed

For reservations or additional information, contact
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or online at
www.conyersgenealogyworkshop2015.weebly.com

Registration begins at 9:00 am in the lobby outside of chapel
9:45 - 10:00 am Welcome, short video, instructions and
Prayer in the chapel.

SESSIONS TO BE OFFERED

- Freedman's Bureau: Research tool for Black family history
- Rootsmagic: Personal database to help organize your family history
- Get A Bigger Hammer: Ideas for getting past genealogical brick walls
- Black History in the LDS Church
- Family Search & Search Tools (advanced)
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- Basic Genealogy: Tracing your family lines through your first four generations
- Tips for Identifying the Lineage of your Female Ancestors
- Indexing: Help Family Search convert written records to computer digital records

Genealogy (Love of the Hunt)



*Ellen Blakeslee,
Genealogist*

Glad to see you back again this month. Have you had a chance to gather your tools for your hunt? Did you get a chance to explore Ancestry.com? Did you go visit the Nancy Guinn or Newton County Libraries? The Heritage Room in Newton County Library has genealogy volunteers just about every day. How about that steno book and loose leaf notebook or maybe you are going hi-tech and have a tablet?

Let's go over how to obtain forms from Ancestry.com. If you are using the home version of Ancestry, click on **LEARNING CENTER**; click on **FIRST STEPS**; click on **START WITH PAPER AND PENCIL**. At this point, you can print out a variety of forms. If using the library Ancestry, at the home page, click on **CHARTS AND FORMS**. You will see Family Group Sheet and can print at this point. The Family Group sheet will guide you through your journey to hunt down your ancestors. As you fill out the form, you will get closer and closer to what it was like to live as your ancestors did in the 1800's and early 1900's. Use one form for each generation. Sit

down and fill out the form for yourself, then your parents, then their parents and so forth. Do you see how your notebook is growing?

Now that we are familiar with the Family Group Sheet, the hunt begins. First, you need to go visit your oldest relative. Will this involve travel? I am sure you work during the week so you will have to schedule a weekend to travel. Holidays are a great time to stop in and visit. Plan a summer Genealogy Trip to your home town. Is your grandmother still living? She will have lots of information for you and a picture or two will be a bonus. Listen to what grandma says. Start by asking her questions about her mother/father and any information she may know about her own grandmother/grandfather. Maybe she will have a story or two to tell. It might take one or two trips to get all the information you need. Don't tire the older relatives, although they will probably tire you out. They will welcome your visit and love reminiscing about old times. Don't forget about the other side of your family. You have a grandmother on

both your father and mother's side. Make sure you bring the forms with you and follow up your visit with a phone call and maybe a question. If you have a voice recorder make sure you take it with you. You will be able to capture your grandmother's voice and also be able to refer back to her stories often. This would also be a good time to take a picture of grandma and if she has pictures you can use your digital camera or phone to reproduce the pictures. A portable scanner can also scan grandma's pictures.

You may be visiting lots of relatives or you may not have any living relatives. Whatever your circumstances, filling out the Family Group Sheet will bring you closer to understanding and deciding what you will need to keep hunting.

This month, I need you to go visit your oldest relatives. If you have any questions about Family Group Sheet, visiting relatives, organizing, or the tools you will need, email me at **genealogy.loveofthehunt@gmail.com**.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GENEALOGY

Social Security Applications and Claims Now Posted on Ancestry

A great new source has just become available at Ancestry.com. This is the "U. S. Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007." This gives people access to a huge amount of information for research, but it does not include all deceased people whose records exist. Social Security applications for a Social Security Number have been available for a fee, and still are. These began in 1936 and provide a wealth of data for people, especially those you may have a hard time tracing. You can search this new database by name, parents, and Social Security Number if you know it. Remember self-employed people, like farmers, did not necessarily sign up, and so if they died early on, they will have no application. If you don't find your person quickly, search by initials, surnames only, cities, parents, or potential misspellings. Read carefully the introduction that appears at the bottom of the search page because at the end it gives how you can order for \$29 a copy of the actual application (SS-5) from the Social Security Administration.

Remember in this database that everyone who registered had to be alive in 1936 when the system began, that all people represented by these records are deceased, and that it only includes people who died by 2007.

North Carolina Research Focus of Augusta Seminar

The Augusta Genealogical Society's annual Homecoming Seminar will feature Diane L. Richard with the topic "Tarheels in the Family: How did they get to Georgia?" She will give four lectures on researching in North Carolina: an overview of North Carolina research, exploring North Carolina through maps via the Internet, research techniques for tracing a family back to North Carolina based on a case study of one family, and the basics of DNA testing for genealogy. The seminar will be August 22, with registration at 8 a. m. and the seminar from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m. To be held at the First Baptist Church, 3500 Walton Way Extension, Augusta. Registration is \$40 AGS members, \$45 nonmembers, with deadline being August 16 postmark. Mail checks to the Augusta Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 3743,

Augusta, GA 30914. To register online, go to augustagensociety.org. Their research library, the Adamson Library, 1109 Broad St., Augusta, will be open special hours during that weekend, Friday from 10 a. m. until 5 p. m. and Sunday from 2 to 5 p. m. Check the website for regular hours or call 706-722-4073. The society has a lot of books related to Augusta and Richmond County for sale, as well as some on other subjects.

Asian Pacific Heritage

Tricia Sung, of the Asian Pacific American Historical Society of Atlanta will speak August 14 at the Georgia Archives Lunch and Learn Seminar about Asian Pacific heritage and where one can go to learn more about research in that area. Check the society's Facebook page for more information about them. Noon, free, bring your own lunch. The Georgia Archives, located in Morrow, Georgia, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 8:30 a. m. until 5 p. m. for research. The Archives Facebook page gives you updates on the latest records processed and events. For further information check 678-364-3710 or www.GeorgiaArchives.org.

~ Excerpts taken from submissions by Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr. Atlanta Journal Constitution

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Ancestry Academy

Ancestry.com has just announced the launching of educational videos on their website. This new feature is called "Ancestry Academy." Its free to view the videos about how to use any of their products, including Ancestry DNA, Fold3, Newspapers.com, etc., but there is a charge, either monthly (\$11.99) or yearly (\$99) unless you are already a World Explorer Plus member to view the others. Current pay-per-view videos cover French Canadian Roots, Homesteads, Using Manuscripts, and lots more. Others will be added monthly. While these compete with the many webinars that are being offered by many organizations, it never hurts to learn as much as you can on a subject, by whatever means. To find, go to www.ancestry.com then to "Learning Center."

Scotland's Ancestry Tourism

If you are planning to journey to Scotland to search for your roots, you are in luck as Scotland's tourism organization has revamped their website. The website's genealogy page is there to help potential tourists find

people and places they need, especially reputable tours of historic places, as well as archives and other research centers to access records. Also some personalized ancestral tours can be arranged. Check the site at www.visitscotland.com and search for "About Ancestry" and see where it leads you.

Citing Genetic Sources

The prevalence of genetic genealogy results has now produced the need to have an authoritative way to cite genetic or DNA results in our genealogy writings and family histories. Elizabeth Shown Mills, the authority on proper genealogy document citations, has written a Quicksheet "Citing Genetic Sources for History Research." Here she defines various terms that are used, covers the basic tests, provides basic citation formats and gives clear examples of proper citations. These include those from Family Finder tests at FTDNA, GEDMatch, ethnicity predictions, as well as Ancestry DNA Circles from Ancestry.com. One thing to remember when citing a website, you should

always include the date accessed. This laminated, four-page sheet is available for \$9.95 plus \$4.50 postage from the Genealogical Publishing Co., 3600 Clipper Mill RD., No. 260, Baltimore, MD 21211 or www.genealogical.com.

Oral History Tips

To get professional tips on how to properly conduct oral interviews, see the Oral History Association at www.oralhistory.org. Some tips: always prepare your questions ahead of time, have a release form that gives you permission to archive the interview or use it later as a reference and be sure you have back up batteries on hand.

Georgia Historical Markers App

The Georgia Historical Society in Savannah has developed a mobile app for smartphones and other devices allowing you to locate historical markers near your location. This free app can be downloaded via the Google Play store. For more information, go to georgiahistory.com and search for "marker app."

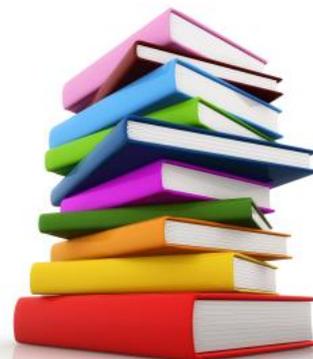
BOOKS FOR SALE

DON'T FORGET!
Copies of the Rockdale County Heritage Book are still available for purchase. Price is \$55 and checks should be made payable to the

Rockdale County Heritage Book Committee.

Books are available at the Nancy Guinn Library. Proceeds from

the sale of the books are used to purchase materials to be placed in the Special Collections Room at the Library.



NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR NAMED



The Conyers-Rockdale Library System official named Stacy Brown as its new director.

Brown was hired by the Conyers-Rockdale Library System in September to serve as assistant director. Before that, she

spent seven years as an assistant librarian for public services at Georgia Highlands College in Cartersville, Georgia. She holds a bachelor's degree in English from Kennesaw State University and a master's of library and information science degree from Valdosta State University.

The 44-year-old Brown replaces Ben Carter, who received an upgrade to director from interim director in March 2014 by the library board. He resigned from the position, and his last day was June 30.

Brown has been acting as the interim director since July 1 and already has a taste of what her role as director will demand.

The library board was rather pleased with the selection. The seven-member board of trustees used their comment period to congratulate Brown on her promotion.

With Brown moving up in the ranks, her previous position as assistant director will be left vacant for now. She says she will be looking for an assistant as soon as she can.

"It's very hard to do both jobs I found, especially in these last 28 days," Brown said.

The board spent about an hour in executive session before announcing the selection

The library board met Tuesday, July 28, at the Nancy Guinn Memorial Library, 864 Green St., Conyers. The meeting lasted for almost an hour and half.

*-Excerpted from an article by Martin Rand, III
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A LITTLE GENEALOGY HUMOR



The purpose of the Rockdale County Genealogical Society (RCGS) is to encourage researchers, individuals, historians, genealogists, and others in their quest to find and document their ancestors, with accurate, historical information that will enhance their research capabilities.

The RCGS meets at 3:00 p.m. on the 2nd Sunday of the month, unless a Holiday, then on the 3rd Sunday at: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter- Day Saints, 1275 Flat Shoals Road, Conyers.

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UPCOMING MEETING SPEAKERS/TOPICS

- AUG 9** -Terry Manning
Ships Passenger Arrival Lists
- SEPT 13** -Laura Carter
Pines Galileo
- OCT 11** -Ellen Blakeslee
Family History Center Review
- NOV 8** -Everyone
Show & Tell Genealogy

**Speakers and/or topics are subject to
change without notice**

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