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Meetings - Regular monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, September through May at the LDS Meeting House, located at 45 E Par St, Orlando, FL 32804. The Daytime Group meets monthly from 2 to 4 p.m. on the second Monday afternoon of each month at the Seminole County Library at 215 North Oxford Road, Casselberry, Florida 32707. There are also Special Interest Groups for German Research, Irish Research, Family Tree Maker, RootsMagic and Genealogy Chat. Check the CFGS website <www.cfgs.org> for times and locations. The Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the LDS Cultural Center. The President designates exceptions to the date and place for meetings. All meetings are open to the public. Visitors are welcome and members are encouraged to bring guests.

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[180 p., soft cover, spiral bound, 6 x 9"]
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#Greenwood Cemetery Historic Hike: a visit with over 425
<i>Orlandoans at their final resting place</i> by Steve Rajtar [220 p., indexed, photos]
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Marriages of Orange County, Florida
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#Vol 2: 1910-1924 [indexed, 165 p.]\$17
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Orlando Births 1910-1922. [180 p., every name & geographical
index]
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The Board meets year-round on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Par Cultural Hall. All are welcome to attend.

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by Elaine POWELL

Buried Treasures - January 2019

Sometimes I feel like I'm never going to find anything new in my research. I had some time over the holidays to look. For some reason, I never thought to look for a tombstone for my paternal grandmother Catherine (WARREN) HATFIELD RIEKER. My family never visited cemeteries, whereas my in-laws always visited the family cemeteries on "Decoration Day" in May every year. I would go with my (then boyfriend) late husband to Greene County, Illinois, with his mom, his siblings, and their families. We would stop along the way to buy flowers to put on the graves and go to the cemeteries in Carrollton and White Hall, and afterwards, we'd go to his cousin's home for the annual family reunion and pot-luck dinner. I really miss those days. My mouth still waters when I think of the angel-food cake with chocolate icing that his cousin's wife made. However, I digress. Something made me go to the Find A Grave page for my "Gram" over the holidays. I decided to request a photo. Within days I received an email saying that the request had been fulfilled! I opened the page and burst out crying! I had never seen Gram's tombstone before, despite the fact that she died in 1983. I was thrilled! Bless the volunteer who went to her grave over the holidays in cold St. Louis to take that photo!

My other holiday find came after I put a request on the St. Louis Genealogical Society Facebook page asking how to find St. Michael's Catholic Church records. I had located them once before, but now when I went to the FamilySearch page, it directed me to the St. Louis County Library website. It's not always easy to find links to specific databases on FamilySearch. I wanted to find the marriage record for my Irish-born 2nd great-grandparents Peter LOOBY and Elizabeth HEUSTON. Well, some very nice man explained step-by-step how to find those St. Louis Archdiocese records on FamilySearch.org. He then went and looked up Peter and Elizabeth, and since there was no index, he had to have gone page by page to find them. He sent me a link to a copy of their marriage document. That document lists their parents' names. Once again, I burst out crying! I had guessed that Peter's father's name was William because Peter's older brother (first son) was named William; however, I had his mother's name as Mary Donoghue LEONARD, which I had gotten from another (obviously incorrect) source; however, her name on that marriage record was Johanna ROCHE.

I already knew the parents of Elizabeth HEUSTON; however, that was confirmed on the marriage record. They are Patrick HEUSTON and Anna McDonald.

I hope you had good discoveries over the holidays but if not, I hope that you will keep looking, as you too may find a treasured family document.

Happy New Year, and see you at a meeting,

Elaine

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Disposition of his journals and account book

Blanche M. WALLACE

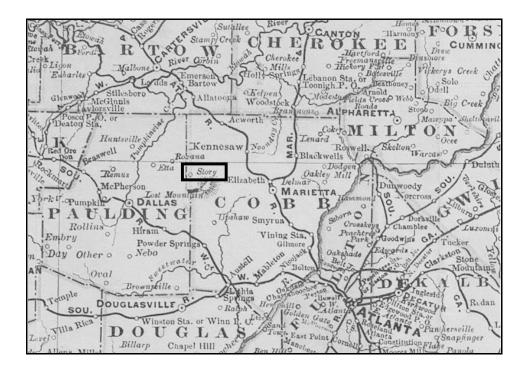
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John Henry LEWIS (1856-1940) of Cobb County, Georgia, kept several journals which have been transcribed and also an account book where he recorded transactions occurring in his general store at Story, Cobb County, Georgia. The three items have been incorporated into a book and a copy has been donated to the Georgia Archives and various libraries.

The three record books had been treated harshly over the 100+ years since he wrote them – including children's scribbles and storage on the rafters of an uninsulated attic for at least 20 years. The pages were so brittle that it was difficult to handle them for scanning. The transcriptions were done from the scans. I considered passing them down in the family but finally decided the best place for them was the Georgia State Archives. I contacted the archives to ask if they would be interested in having them and received an enthusiastic response. The Archives has few Cobb County records since the county believes in keeping its records at the county level.

So, in November 2018, I took the three items to the Archives and handed them over to an archivist. The donation form and acceptance letter are shown below.

If you have a unique item of historic interest, consider checking with the state archives where your ancestor lived at the time the item was created. Usually, there is no guarantee the archives won't deaccession the item, but for items that meet the criteria of unique and of historical value, it is much less likely. Know all the facts before you turn over the item.





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Three journals/account books of John Henry Lewis (1856-1940), Cobb County, Georgia. Lewis farmed and ran a cotton gin as well as serving as R.F.D. mail carrier and owning a small store in Cobb County.

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Journals transcribed and published in John Henry Lewis (1856-1940), Cobb County, Georgia: His Life and Journals, by Blanche M. Wallace (Orlando, FL: author, 2015).

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December 18, 2019

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Dear Mrs. Wallace,

We want to thank you for your donation of the journals and account books of John Henry Lewis. We are so glad to have the originals of the published transcripts of these journals. I am sure our users will find these valuable and interesting records. It was a pleasure to meet you and I hope to see you again soon. Again, we appreciate your thoughtfulness in remembering the Georgia Archives.

Sincerely,

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Early Physicians of Central Florida – Part III

Richard Lee CRONIN

Three sons born to Archibald (1779-1868) & Margaret MCDONALD (1787-1865) BRUCE became 19th century physicians. Two of the sons, Dr. Robert J. BRUCE (1817-1880) and Dr. Angus D. BRUCE (1815-1899), played vital roles as well in the post-Civil War story of a developing central Florida.

Sanford did not yet exist when the Bruce doctors first expressed interest in Florida, and at that time, fewer than two thousand courageous souls had dared to settle in this remote territory south of Lake Monroe. It was circa 1869, and the first of America's Civil War veterans to homestead in Orange County were just beginning to arrive at the old Mellonville pier. Their numbers at first though were few, and like that of the Bruce brothers, these early veterans had been supporters of the Confederacy.

The Bruce brothers followed their brother-in-law, Matthew R. Marks, to Mellonville and Fort Reid. Dr. Angus D. Bruce actually relocated to central Florida and established a medical practice. Dr. Robert J. Bruce appears to have been more interested in the area as an investment opportunity.

Fort Reid was *the* most developed community in all of Orange County in 1869. There was one doctor in the area already, Andrew C. Caldwell (Part Two), but his patients were scattered throughout a huge wilderness of 3,000 square miles. Will Wallace Harney had arrived within a few months of the Bruce brothers, and described the doctor situation in one of his early poems:

Excerpts from 'Florida Pioneers' by Will Wallace Harney

You smile, and call me patriarch.
The Southern sun has made the man,
And every year has laid a tan
Since baby shipped his Noah's ark,
And saw the pearl-coat minnow's rise,
To call them pretty water-flies.

His plaything scraped by dismal isles, Like ours, when baby had the coup, O God! To hear him gasp and roup, And not a doctor in **thirty miles**, And we unskilled to know or do But ask God's help! He gave it, too.¹

Harney's homestead on Lake Conway was located 30 miles from Fort Reid, home to the nearest doctors.

The BRUCE-brothers involvement with central Florida began November 16, 1869. On that date, their brother-in-law, Matthew R. MARKS, sold two-thirds of a Fort Reid parcel, complete with a 43-acre orange grove, to a trustee named Benjamin F. WHITNER. Called Woodruff Place, the orange grove surrounded an existing residence, a home said to be the *third* frame home built in all of Orange County.

HARNEY, Will Wallace. "The Florida Pioneers", *The Harpers Monthly*, 52:289-90. January 1876.

- Matthew R. MARKS held onto one-third ownership interest, while the other two-thirds was to be owned by
- two women: Mary E. RANDOLPH and Sarah J. WHITNER, wives of William M. RANDOLPH and Benjamin F.
- 3 WHITNER, respectively.
- During the closing days of 1869, MARKS, RANDOLPH and WHITNER were in the early stages of planning the
- first ever free-standing hotel in all of Orange County. The Alaha Chaco, or Orange House Hotel, opened in
- 6 March 1870, financed in part by \$1,825 provided by BOWERS & Bruce of Thomasville, Georgia. The
- BRUCE of 'Bowers & Bruce' was Dr. Robert J. BRUCE.
- 8 Cornelia F. MARKS (1830-1907), sister of land agent Matthew R. MARKS (1839-1911), had married Dr.
- Angus D. BRUCE in 1846. Cornelia homesteaded 122 Orange County acres in 1869, land south of present
- day Silver Lake, on the southern boundary of Fort Reid, now part of Seminole County. She also expanded
- their land holdings far to the south on the old fort's trail.
- Before the doors of Orange House Hotel opened in early 1870, Cornelia Frances (MARKS) BRUCE acquired
- another 120 acres on the east shore of Lake Ivanhoe, a mile north of the then-four-acre village of Orlando.
- Soon after, Angus and Cornelia BRUCE expanded this parcel by another 40 acres.
- Significant about Cornelia's Lake Ivanhoe purchase was that she had been among the earliest post-Civil
- War land investors to take interest in the soon-to-be desirable lakes region, Lakes Ivanhoe, Highland,
- 17 Concord, etc., just north of Orlando. This area would, in the early 1880s, be marketed as the 'WILLCOX'
- settlement.
- A reporter in 1882, in describing the Lake Ivanhoe region, wrote: "Interlaken, formerly Willcox, is the
- 20 home "Waverley Hall" of Major Matthew R. MARKS, one of the most famous characters of this region."
- Land Agent MARKS might have been the famous one, but his sister, Cornelia, wife of Dr. Angus D. BRUCE,
- appears to have been among the first to envision this area's true potential. Matthew and his sister sold the
- lakefront property at Lake Ivanhoe in 1879, to James M. WILLCOX of Pennsylvania.
- The first train to Orlando departed Sanford in November of 1880, departing Lake Monroe at 4:00 PM,
- stopping briefly at Willcox at 5:30 PM before arriving at its final stop, the Orange County seat, at 5:40 PM.
- 26 Children of Dr. Angus and Cornelia MARKS BRUCE were: Margaret Jacintha (1846-1942) married
- 27 Raymond R. REES and they remained residents of Fort Reid; Sarah J. (1849-1925), wife of C. M. BOONE;
- 28 Cornelia (1859-1894), wife of Charles H. WHITNER (1858-1910) of Fort Reid; Mary (1856-?); and Frances.
- Frances BRUCE (1864-1913), the youngest sibling, married Henry R. TEASDALE, Jr. (1859-1912) in 1884.
- The son of 1850s Palatka merchant, Henry R. TEASDALE, Sr., (1818-1891) a partner of Robert R. REID, had
- been financial backers of the 1857 Village of Orlando, itself a fascinating yet lengthy story best left to
- pages of my central Florida history book, *First Road to Orlando*.
- Author and poet Will Wallace HARNEY, while telling of his early days as a Fort Gatlin area homesteader,
- explained in his poem "The Florida Pioneers," that there was "not a doctor in thirty miles" of Lake
- Conway. That scarcity changed however in 1872, for HARNEY mentioned a "Dr. DUKE" on more than one
- occasion in correspondence with the *Cincinnati Commercial* newspaper. The next installment of Early
- Physicians of Central Florida will introduce Dr. A. B. DUKE, the man's early demise, and the nearby
- orange grower who stepped in as a Fort Gatlin area doctor in the wake of Dr. Duke's death.

Organizing your Genealogy Documents

by Elaine POWELL

I have attended many classes on organizing and I've tried elaborate color-coded systems over the last 30 years. I used to organize my genealogy documents by folders, and I still do in some instances. When I joined my first lineage society in 2006 (the DAR), I realized that I was not organized at all and I had to go through various folders to find the "proof" documents I needed to document my lineage from my patriot ancestor. So I decided I needed to get organized, but it had to be a system that would work for me and that was binders. I only put "proof" documents in the binders - anything that proves a birth, marriage, death, land purchase, burial or other life event. I have one binder for each of my four grandparents and when I get too many pages for one binder I break it out into another surname.

I put the names of my ancestors on tabbed dividers in ahnentafel order. [See: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genealogical numbering systems> So I am #1, my father is #2, my mother #3, etc. However, since I'm creating numerous binders, the first person in the binder is a grandparent and he/she is #1 and then the names go back in time from there. (It is how they are numbered on a pedigree chart.) I put ALL the documents in the binder into clear archival page protectors. That way I'm not punching holes in documents and, if I need to get the document out to scan it or share it with someone, then I can get it out easily without having to open the binder. I put the documents behind each tab (person) in chronological order: birth first, burial last. I include anything that proves an event, i.e. birth and/or baptismal certificates, census records, land documents, wills, funeral home records, obits, cemetery maps/layouts. I do NOT include emails, unless they have documented facts in it. I might include pages from a county history book, bible, or other books if it is a credible source and if I include any book pages, I always copy the first page of that book, along with the 2nd page which includes the publication date. It's also important to indicate where you acquired your documents. You can write that on the back side in pencil. Do **not** write on the document, even if it's a copy of an original, and do not use a highlighter, because if you decide to join a lineage society, different societies have different rules for their documents and how they want them marked. When I need a copy of a document for a lineage society application, I make a copy of the original (or copy of an original) from my binder; that way I keep a full set of originals. If I need to make a notation about the document, I slip a piece of paper inside the archival

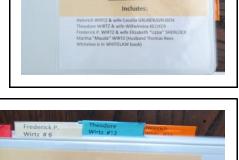
The spine of the binder should have the surname, as should the front of the binder. Then think of it this way. If you were not around to explain that binder to someone, the binder should be self-explanatory. So include the "map" of what's inside the binder – a pedigree chart and/or family group sheet, and perhaps a timeline report so you can show whose information is in the binder and how they relate to you. I include charts from my Family Tree Maker genealogy software program.

Now I talked about folders. I use folders to hold all the papers that don't go in the binders. Since I've been researching so long and have had the good fortune to travel a lot to collect documents, I have 14 file drawers full of folders (many which are yet to be put into binders) and 12

bookshelves full of binders and genealogy reference books. I file by surname and then subject. I file my family separately from my husband's family.

Archival sleeves are very inexpensive and you can get them anywhere that sells office supplies. I purchase a box of 100. They are also on Amazon at: https://www.amazon.com/Avery-Protectors-Acid-Free-

Archival-75091/dp/B00006IC89



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Online Research Opportunities Available to Members of the North Carolina Genealogical Society

by Blanche M. WALLACE

Membership in the society has many benefits but my favorite is online access to the entire collection of journals from Volume I, No. 1, January 1975 to the present day. Each issue is downloadable and searchable.

- 1) There is a complete index to the journals, searchable by Ancestral Name or Place Name.
- There is a list of all journal articles categorized by Volume and Issue Number [the table of contents of each issue].
- In addition to the Journals, there are also online:
- Journal Jottings: "... a series of articles appearing in the NCGS News, written by current NCGS Journal Editor, Diane L. RICHARD, concerning ongoing efforts and projects.
 - 4) The "NCGS News" contains much useful material including a column titled: "Tools of the Trade" which provides research instruction specific to North Carolina records.
 - 5) A list of active and completed transcription projects.

Explore the Society's website at negenealogy.org and click on "Membership" to see a complete list of benefits available to members.

Organizing Genealogy Documents... continued

I use the Avery brand Big Tab Extra Wide Insertable Storage Dividers - 5-tabs with clear plastic 5-different colored tabs. I try to find them at Office Max, but they often don't have them in stock. You can buy them on Amazon at: https://www.amazon.com/Avery-Insertable-Extra-Wide-Multicolor-11220/dp/B00006IE29. If you don't use the Extra Wide dividers, you won't be able to see the names of your ancestors because the archival sleeves are wider than 8 1/2 inches.

You can Google "Ways to Organize Your Genealogy" and you will be able to see many different organizational ideas.

Now, a question for all of you.

How do you organize your research? Why did you decide on that method? Is it working for you?

Inquiring minds want to know...



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The Library of the World: WorldCat for Genealogists by Betty Jo STOCKTON

WorldCat is an online library catalog that lets you look up books, dissertations, microform, journals and

multimedia items in libraries around the world. WorldCat <www.worldcat.org> is the combined catalog of

over 10,000 libraries, including the Family History Library. There are more than 2.6 million items and

Recent improvements include the records found in the Family History Library and the inclusion of links to

• You want to know what books and other information sources exist on your topic, not just the ones that

· You need more information about a book or other information source (like its full list of authors, its

• You're looking for obscure or privately published material that may exist in only one or two libraries.

While WorldCat purports to be a catalog of the world, in reality it only contains listing for items in the

libraries that have added their materials. Since this is a time-consuming process, the holdings of many

WorldCat has a Basic Search on the front page. Just click the tab for the type of item you want, and then

enter the title, author or keywords you are looking for. Since we're using this for genealogical research, be

sure to include genealogy or history as part of your search term - i.e. Barney family genealogy. You can

use quotes to make the search more specific - "John Barney". There is also an "Advanced search", which

The Search Results page has a world of information. A search for **Orange County Florida history** found

3208 results in .17 seconds. The boxes on the left allow a more specific search - by format, author, year,

content, language, audience, etc. The page gives a brief summary of the material. Clicking on the title gives

Clicking on the title of the publication leads to a page specific to that item. On this listing for Blackman's

History of Orange County, Florida, we find the expected bibliographic information, but also much more.

For example, in the center is "find a copy online" - a link to the digital copy from the Central Florida

Memory website. Further down the page is a list of libraries that have a copy of that book - and how far

they are from your location. Still further is a description of the book - how many pages, description, other

notes. If your local library participates in the Interlibrary Loan program (Orange County does not), taking

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404,000 records, making it the largest library catalog ever. Searching the catalog is free.

• When you know the title of the book, but you don't know which libraries have it.

libraries are not included or are incomplete. Regardless, it's a wonderful resource.

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this information to your library would allow you to order a copy from the owning library.

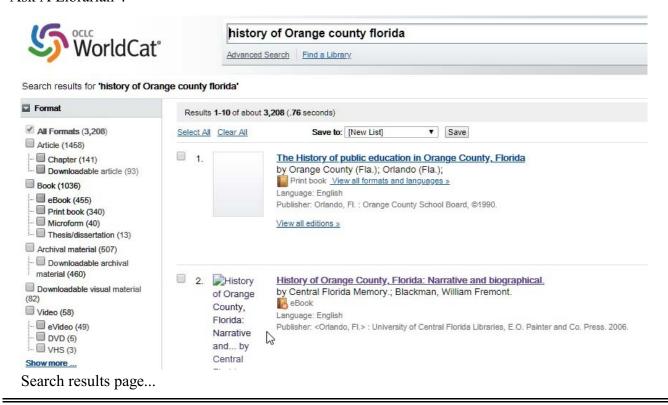
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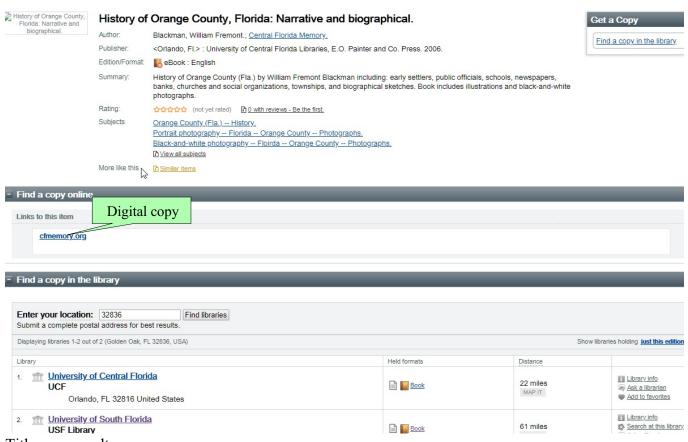
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Title page results...

Several years ago, I attempted to locate a copy of the *History of Orange County* to purchase. The lowest price I could find for a used copy was almost \$400. (I decided I could live without it) Now, here it is online and free!

I have been successful in locating obscure publications on my ancestor, John BARNEY, who was considered to be the "Father of Freemasonry in the Midwest". There is no information about his parentage and early life except what has been found in small booklets published by the Freemasons. Usually there are no more than one or two copies of these booklets, and none of them in local libraries.

A search for <"John BARNEY" mason> found only 3 entries and one of them obviously not related. This listing was new to me, so I followed up on it. In the detail area, I discovered that it exists in only one library in the United States, the Columbus

John Barney, Masonic lecturer.			
Author:	Rolfe C Bradbury		
Publisher:	[Place of publication not identified] : [publisher not identified], [1945?]		
Edition/Format:	Print book : English		

Metropolitan Library, which is 803 miles from Orlando. It's a 43-page, mimeographed item that was probably self-published by the author in about 1945.

Using the "Ask a librarian" link, I fired off the following query: "According to WorldCat.org, your library seems to have the only existing copy of the small book entitled **John Barney**, **Masonic lecturer**. Would it be possible to have someone check that book to determine whether there is any information about John Barney's parentage or early years? If you have a vertical file (or modern equivalent), I'd be glad to add more information on John BARNEY (a resident of Worthington & well-known Masonic lecturer). He was my 3rd great grandfather. Thanks. Betty Jo"

Within days, I had a response: "Hi Betty Jo, The publication is a 45 page mimeographed manuscript inside a binder. Unfortunately, there's not specific mention of his parents' names. The attached scan includes the cover of the notebook, inside the front cover which contains a picture, the first couple of pages which talk about his early life, and the last couple of pages that mention is burial location and his children. I hope that helps. I wish it could have contained more. Good luck with your research! Nick"

Attached to the email was a digitized copy of the 5 relevant pages, including a portrait of John BARNEY.

In itself, the information here was scant. Combined with other records I've found (in equally obscure places), I've come up with a fairly good idea of his youth and probable family.

Interestingly, the other booklets I've found about him are no longer showing on WorldCat. Perhaps they've been lost or disintegrated with time, but each has added a new small bit of information. Lesson one - be sure to make a copy of whatever information I found and the source citation, because it might not be there the next search.



John Barney 1780-1847

When you are contacting libraries for materials found on WorldCat, do remember that librarians are busy folks and may not have time or inclination to fulfil a request. Ask politely and be sure to offer payment for copies and postage if appropriate. If you can add to the information they have, offer to do so.

If you don't receive a response or it's a negative one, check for volunteers on USGenWeb or Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness to see if someone in that area might look it up for you. FaceBook is also a great option - look for a page for the locale of the library or about the topic of interest. Often you can post a question and receive information or someone to assist in your search.

While it's not perfect, WorldCat is one more great option for finding that one bit of information you've been trying to find.

Descendants of Central Florida Pioneer Families



Barbers, Crawfords, Hansels, Hulls, Ivys, Jemigans, Johns, Lancasters, Macys, Matchetts, Mizells, Prescotts, Reddits, Summerlins, Storys, Tanners, Tyners, Yates, Etc. Etc. Etc.

The Pine Castle Historical Society invites you to the 2nd Annual

Pioneer Family Gathering at **Pine Castle Pioneer Days**

Sat & Sun, Feb 23 & 24, 12 to 4 pm

Cypress Grove Park, 290 Holden Ave, Orlando, FL

Come with your family photos, chat with old friends & new, and have your stories recorded for

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PINE CASTLE PIONEER DAYS

Saturday and Sunday, February 23-24, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m Cypress Grove Park, 290 Holden Avenue, Orlando Adults \$5; Children (under 18) \$3

Free admission to those in pioneer costume / Free Pioneer Days Magazine

Come celebrate the exciting history of Central Florida at the 40+ year old festival, Pine Castle Pioneer Days in beautiful Cypress Grove Park.

New this year, get in the "pioneer spirit" by coming in costume and get in FREE!

The theme is "Children's Games" and there will be lots of old-timey things for kids to see and do.

Both young and old will enjoy the fabulous music line-up featuring festival favorites Jerry Mincey, Tom Shed, Passerine, Brian Smalley & Jackson Creek, plus new performers Remedy Tree and Frankie J and the Chicken Parade. Enjoy these great musicians on the main stage and also in the acoustic tent.

Always a favorite is the Classic & Muscle Car Show on Saturday. Cypress Grove Park is a wonderful location for a car show with lots of room to enjoy these special cars.

New this year is a history tent which will have hourly history talks by historians and authors Richard Cronin, Billy Morgan, Richard & Joy Fox, Tom Tart, Steve Patrick and others.

Back for the second year will be a Pioneer Family Gathering cosponsored by Pioneer Days, Pine Castle Historical Society, Central Florida Genealogical Society, and "Orlando Memory," a program of the Orlando Public Library.

And always a favorite activity, periodic Civil War re-enactments!

In addition to the re-enactments, the participants can be seen in their authentic camp re-creations and are always happy to talk with guests.

Rounding out the activities will be lots of fun food, crafts for sale, and community booths. CFGS is a sponsor of Pioneer Days and will be participating in the History Tent. Several of our members will be speaking.

Calling All Descendants of Central Florida Pioneers

Do you have Central Florida pioneer ancestors? I know that many of you do!

Please let your Society know if you're one of "cracker" members. Better yet, how about a short writeup on your pioneer ancestor(s) to be included in a future *Buried Treasures?* If you're not comfortable with your writing skills, just put together the facts you know and perhaps a story or two about your family. We'll put it into publishable format for you. What better way to honor those who came before you - and made Central Florida what it is.

For example, my KIESER and STALDER families didn't come to Florida until the early 1900s, so I don't consider them to be pioneers. One aunt married into the pioneer HULL/BARBER family - so I claim to be a pioneer-by-association. Then too, my family bought and settled on a portion of the PRESCOTT/HANSEL property, so I claim more pioneer connections. These families were some of the early settlers in the area that became Pine Castle.

What a coincidence that the German battleship, Ostfriesland, appeared in my family history on two different occasions (in 1916 and 1921) and on two different continents...and I'm not even German.

It happened like this: SMS Ostfriesland, a battleship of the Imperial German Navy, was assigned to the 1st Battle Squadron of the High Seas Fleet for the majority of her career, including World War I. It was named for the northwestern coastal area of Germany known as East Frisie. Ostfriesland's keel was laid in October, 1908, at the Kaiserliche Werft dockyard in

Wilhelmshaven. She was launched on 30 September 1909 and was commissioned into the fleet on 1 August 1911. She had a



SMS Ostfriesland

complement of 42 officers and 1,027 sailors. They fought in the Battle of Jutland on 31 May and 1 June 1916, the largest naval battle of the war in the North Sea against the British Grand Fleet.

My ancestor, Admiral of the Fleet David Earl BEATTY, hero of the Battle of Jutland, was said to be one of the most inspiring leaders since Nelson. He received the highest honors the Navy could bestow. The Admiral's 1st and 2nd Battle cruisers engaged five German Battleships, including the Ostfriesland, off the coast of Norway. Along with her three sister ships, Helgoland, Thuringen, and Oldenburg, the British Squadrons ambushed the German battle cruisers and destroyed several. A torpedo tore a hole in the Ostfriesland, which flooded the ship and killed one man, injuring ten.

After the German collapse in November 1918, the four Helgoland ships were not destroyed but were allowed to remain in Germany. The Ostfriesland and her sister were eventually ceded to the victorious Allied powers as war reparations. They ended up in the United States Navy.

Fast forward to 1921. By 1921, the Air Corps had freed itself from the Signal Corps and had become a full-fledged arm of the Army. Brigadier General William "Billy" MITCHELL, Chief of the new Army Air Service, in testimony before the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee, had startled members of Congress by saying that the airplane had "obsoleted" the battleship. He testified:

"The air will prevail over the water in a very short time. An Army fights on land, a Navy on water, but an Air Force over both. We can tell you definitely now that we can either destroy or sink any ship in existence today. All we want to do is have you gentlemen watch us attack a battleship."

General MITCHELL added that he could build a thousand airplanes for the cost of one battleship. In the midst of the resulting media frenzy, a test was authorized and Mitchell selected the Martin bomber bi-plane to prove his point. The targets selected were four captured German battleships, including the Ostfriesland, considered unsinkable. Five days were scheduled for the tests: June 12, 13,18, 20 and 21 of 1921.

The officers of McCook Field, Dayton, Ohio, including my father, Lieutenant George B. PATTERSON, flying out of Langly Field, Virginia, had a prominent part of the bombing tests.

The Ostfriesland was sunk in 21 minutes. Army and Navy officers observing the awesome show of aerial superiority were stunned.

The Army Air Service had achieved their purpose of portraying the superiority of air power over sea power. The results of the test clearly demonstrated that the airplane was now the nation's first line of defense. Within a year, a Navy Bureau of Aeronautics was organized to put airplanes on battleships and start producing aircraft carriers.

Alternate Sources for Information

by Sallie BELPERCHE

Many of you know I'm not a DNA devotee; in fact my DNA kit is still unopened after almost 2 years!

However, I've met people who may have pertinent information in numerous places. Twice I've attended a reunion of the descendants of Sebastian KLEIN, a German immigrant to North Carolina. I knew before the first reunion that I'm not descended from Sebastian KLEIN, but attended hoping to find a connection to my Martin KLEIN. Still haven't found the right connection but have made several friends and have even found 2 cousins!!

Additionally the 2018 reunion included a tour of Hart Square Village in Catawba County, NC. This is a fascinating place! Dr. HART began many years ago collecting original buildings in the county and moving them to a large property he owns. Yes, he and friends did the moving, sometimes not legally! He and his wife have also collected period furnishings. The buildings range from small cabins to a chapel, placed on a lake so there is a reflection. So inspiring!

Dr. HART and his wife opened the village to our reunion and conducted a tour of many of the buildings, explaining where they found them and often problems involved. Unfortunately the village is open to the general public only one day a year, the last Saturday in October. If this interests you, check it out online, then make a reservation as soon as they open, usually October 1. They only admit 4,000 persons and tickets sell out in 1 or 2 days. It's well worth the effort to get there!

In August 2018, I attended the FGS conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Many of you may know that Allen County Public Library is considered the 2nd best US genealogy resource, following only the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The Allen County main library, with its genealogy center, is located downtown, across the street from the convention center. What could be more convenient? Everyone I met was wonderfully friendly and helpful. The library had extended hours during the conference, which was great. Attend the conference during the day, then go do research, sleep optional. On a recent cruise, I met a fellow traveler from Fort Wayne. She was totally unaware of the significance of their library!

On that same cruise we were traveling to a Mayan ruin. Those of you who know me know how much I love to talk. I got to talking with another passenger, and somehow genealogy came up. Her sister in Ireland is apparently quite active and is on staff at the Royal Irish Academy. My ears perked up when I heard about a 1718 passenger list of Presbyterians from Northern Ireland to America! We're going to "talk" more after things calm down after the holidays. Seems like she's going to be a great source!

While at FGS in August, I stopped at the vendor booth of St. Louis [MO] County Library (don't even know why since I have no connections there). In talking to their representative, he mentioned *PastPorts*, their monthly newsletter. It's <u>free</u> and available electronically via email. Past issues are available. I think I have ancestors who came from near Bern, Switzerland. The library has an extensive collection of Bern church records!

Bottom line – you may find connections anywhere! Happy Hunting in 2019!

How about you? Have your found relatives, ancestors or clues to research in unusual places? If so, tell us about it.

On a research trip to Cincinnati with my friend, Mary NARDINI, we were staying across the river in Kentucky since hotels were much less expensive there. We wandered into the Kenton County [KY] library - not expecting to find anything. While Mary talked with the librarian, I leaned against the vertical file cabinet and idly flipped through files. Out popped a full file folder on one of her Cincinnati ancestors who'd evidently wandered across the river - where we hadn't thought of looking for them.

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C. B. CHAIRES, laborer Wesley WILLIAMS, laborer Alice THOMPSON, laundress

Lucy DOUGLAS, cook Hattie JONES, cook

G. S. WILLIAMS, carpenter

Emma JENKINS, laundress, Veach Street

Richard BEATTY, cook. Veach street

Betsy JENKINS, cook. Veach street

T. T. GILLREECE, laborer. Veach street

Mrs. Jack ALLEN, laundress. Middle street

E. D. STEPHENS, barber

Mrs. N. BISHOP, laborer. Middle street

M. A. MARTINEZ, cigar maker. Middle street

Samuel MACKEY, carpenter, Middle street

Mrs. Martha BOSWELL, seamstress. Middle

22 street

Wade SUBER, laborer. Veach street

Mrs. Julia PATTERSON, boarders. Veach street

M. C. JACKSON, teacher. Veach street

S. A. BLOCKER, teacher. Veach street

Warren SUBER, laborer. Middle street

Mrs. Emma ROBINSON, laundress, Middle

29 street

Sim McClain, laborer. Middle street

Rev. Chas. SCOTT, near Baptist Church

John CHAPMAN, laborer, near Baptist church

Frances CLARK, cook. Near gas works

Nelson GAINING, laborer, near Baptist church

Hester GIBBS, laundress. Veach street

Mary ROBINSON, cook. Veach street

Charlotte SMITH, seamstress. Near T. G. & A.

RR.

Fannie LAMPS, laundress. Near Baptist church

Sampson GURLEY, laborer, near gas works

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Lincoln Street

Moses CROOMS, carpenter
Rachel REESE, cook w side

M. C. MILLER, laborer, w side

47 Palace BOYCE, laundress

48 Samuel KING, laborer

James MITCHELL, laborer

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Lincoln Street continued...

Guffe JONES, barkeeper

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Hunter HAWKINS, laborer

John HULL, laborer

Sarah HAWLEY, cook

George WILLIAMS, merchant

Leathey GASKIUS, laborer

Terror WHITFIELD, near A. M. E. Church

Mary CHAPMAN, laundress, near A. M. E.

Church

West COLBEE, laborer

Rev. William MORRISON

Mrs Susan Langston, west of A. M. E.

Church

M. V. GOFF, engineer, back of Baptist church

King SIMKINS, near Baptist church

S. H. CURTIS, painter, near Baptist church

Henry SMITH, near old packing house

Wm ROBINSON, laborer, near T. O. & A. RR.

Richard WALKER, laborer

Mary LEWIS, cook

Frances MACK, laundress, on Lucerne

Taylor JOHNSON, teacher

Fannie HAGANS, cook

Aaron CHOLER, laborer

Lottie JERRY, laundress

Residents living N. E. Of Lake Eola

J. A. BEAL

J. O. FRIED, county surveyor

W. H. NALL, bank clerk

J. A. MCDOWELL, merchant

Harry NEWELL, deputy clerk

E. H. CHENY

J. M. STARBUCK, dairyman

L. B. STARBUCK, law clerk

John EVANS, carpenter

Edward MEAKE, painter

W. M. OGILVIE

Norman ROBINSON, state chemist

This completes the listings from the *1891 Orlando City Directory*. A digital copy of the complete document has been donated to the Orange County Regional History Center.

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Pine Castle, Florida

Will Wallace Harney, a writer from Indiana, settled in Central Florida about 1870. He wrote numerous articles about pioneer life on the Central Florida frontier that were published nationally. In 1874, he built a fanciful "pine castle" on the western shores of Lake Conway. The house became such a landmark its name was eventually adopted by the small town that grew up around it.

Fort Gatlin was built in 1838 as part of the defense against the Seminoles during the Seminole Wars. When the area was more-or-less peaceful, it was opened up for homesteading. Many families settled in the area near the Fort, in what is now the Pine Castle area. Aaron Jernigan, Orlando's first settler (1843), made his home on the shore of Lake Holden, just north of today's Pine Castle. Other pioneer settlers included: Johns, Patrick, Macy, Hansel,

Will Wallace Harney's "Pine Castle" abt 1874

Prescott, Yates, Ivy, Barber, Hull, Summerlin and many others.

If your family has been in Central Florida since its early days, you're probably descended from a Pine Castle pioneer.

The town of Pine Castle is on South Orange Avenue, roughly two miles south of downtown Orlando.