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NEWSLETTER

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We wish to extend an open invitation to attend the meetings of the Central Florida Genealogical and Historical Society.

We are a new organization, formed only in September of 1969, operating under the blessings of the Orlando Public Library.

Already we have over thirty active, interested and interesting members, meeting at the library at 7:30 P.M. on the final Thursday of a month.

We have very interesting programs for each meeting. Our previous speakers have included a local genealogist who presented a very informative paper on maps and their importance in family research and the ex-historian of the Chicago Mayflower Society who spoke on "Family Stories and Where They Lead." The committee is planning a most interesting series of programs with equally effective speakers and varied subjects.

One project of our organization is the collection and preservation of records of historical significance, i.e., family Bibles, personal papers, photographs, diaries, etc. These need not be local in nature, our members come from many different states. Anyone wishing to lend such materials in order that we may make copies, or to donate them for preservation by the Society, may do so by calling our number, given above, or the Local History Department of the library (425-4694, extension 75).

We cordially invite you to join us and to enjoy a pleasant evening

Committees and Chairmen, as appointed at the November meeting:

Corresponding Secretary.....	Mrs. Betty Hughson
Program Chairman	Mrs. Betty Axton
Historical Committee.....	Mrs. Betty Hughson
.....	Mrs. May Hebrank
.....	Mrs. Mary Henkel
.....	Mrs. Leona Henkel
Parliamentarian.....	Mrs. Louise McDaris
By-Laws.....	Mrs. Pat Dietz, Ch.
.....	Mrs. Marion Schuneman
.....	The R. E. Mixers
Telephone Committee.....	Mrs. Verna S. Bronson, Chairman
.....	Mrs. Jerri Hoch

Due to conditions beyond her control, Mrs. Hughson has found it necessary to resign her official duties. We reluctantly accept her decision, and herewith appeal for immediate assistance in these areas.

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We wish to offer our most sincere thanks to Mrs. John F. Steffans for conducting four well-planned classes instructing beginning genealogists. Her classes, held weekly, were well attended, informative and extremely helpful. The final meeting consisted of a tour of the Orlando Public Library local history section, with demonstrations in the use of the facilities and the location of the research materials.

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Our President was invited by the Orlando Civitans to speak at their evening meeting on January 8. The gentlemen received her most kindly, and, at the conclusion of her speech, asked questions indicating at least some prior interest in history and in record keeping. This speech was taped for our files, and such is the plan for any future society representation.

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The November CFG&H Society meeting was taped and we would like to continue this practice. We regret not having been set up to record the fine first program, but hope to prevail upon that speaker to let us correct that omission.

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The Orange County Historical Commission was contacted in November, and their Commissioner, Mr. Don Cheney, has been very helpful and encouraging about our organization and its objectives. He has agreed to permit a taped interview. A questionnaire was prepared and presented for his comments. Now we are only awaiting his advice as to when he has free time for the interview.

Various other persons have been contacted and will cooperate also. The list of persons suggested for us to interview is growing as word spreads that our Society has been organized.

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Our publicity chairman continues to do a good job and promote interest in the group. We also have written to shopping guides and they have and will make announcements of our meetings. Word of mouth advertising continues to be one of the more effective methods. Please tell others that we are here and ready to serve them and our State. As the State Archives Commission becomes active they expect that genealogical societies will aid them. Let us hasten to become more effective.

FUTURE PLANS

January 29th Program

What kind of countryside did the Mayflower passengers come from? On January 29, our guest speaker will be V. Winthrop O'Hara, President of the Florida Mayflower Society. He will tell us of the people and times in 1600 England, and present a color film with narrative to show that very same section of the country as it is today. We are exceptionally fortunate to obtain both the film and the speaker, and we hope many of you will be able to take advantage of this very special occasion.

By-Laws

The Committee is busily at work in this department, and will have rough draft copies prepared for our consideration by the January 29th meeting. Please retain your copy and study it for discussion at our February meeting.

Taped Interviews

We plan to tape interviews with long-time residents of Central Florida and to obtain from them their impressions and memories of days gone by. It is our wish to typescrip this information, possibly arrange for publicity in newspaper articles, and certainly prepare articles for availability to students and researchers. If at all possible, we hope to produce data which will be a source of revenue for our Society.

Cemetery Census

A check is being made to determine just what records now exist. As soon as this is compiled we can begin on those areas not now listed and complete the census of all graves in Orange and Seminole Counties for starters. The funeral homes in Kissimmee have very kindly offered to permit us to copy their records. Volunteers will certainly be appreciated for this work. Please contact us if you have knowledge of any public or private buriel areas which you believe we should consider.

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The sketches for our Society symbol should be brought to the January meeting. Don't worry because you may not be an artist. It is the idea that counts.

And speaking of ideas, if you have any for raising money for our requirements, please write them down and turn them in. As everyone knows, the \$1.00 association fee does not go far, and having just been organized, we need supplies and everything else!

INFORMATION FOR OUR SERVICE FILES. PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

I will be willing to assist in the following ways:

Typist: _____ Have typewriter: _____

Can you provide transportation: _____

Can you take photographs of gravestones, etc? _____

Own and/or operate tape recorder or Poloroid camera? _____

Work on grave census? _____

Other: _____

WINTER CALENDAR

1970

J A N U A R Y						
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Orlando Public
Library Auditorium
7:30 P.M.

F E B R U A R Y						
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Orlando Public
Library Auditorium
7:30 P.M.

M A R C H						
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Dear Members and Friends of the Central Florida Genealogical and Historical Society:

The past year has been a full and interesting one for me, as, I am sure, it has been for all of you. I deeply appreciate the confidence and support that has been given me from all areas.

It was a pleasure to have so many of you at our Christmas Party. We regret the absence of those who could not be with us. I hope you each had a very pleasant Holiday Season and that the New Year will bring you many more Blessings with much Joy and Happiness.

We are gratified that our Society is growing so rapidly. As a Society it has a tremendous responsibility to the members and to the community. We each have an obligation to fill. It is obvious that we will have to rely more and more on our members for their knowledge, experience and willingness, to give of their time and efforts, if we are to be successful. I am taking this opportunity to ask for your involvement during 1970.

Each member will be expected to serve effectively, to the best of their ability, on a committee, or any way they are needed. Please indicate on the enclosed form the committees in which you find interest. Please note your limitations, if any. These are for our Working File. It should help us to be as considerate as possible and not over-load or over-work any one individual. Please turn them in at the 29 January 1970 Meeting.

We need your criticism, comments and suggestions for programs, membership and other areas not as yet developed, where you think we can concentrate efforts. Be specific, please, and let us know what you hope for from your Society. How can we help each other?

Read your Newsletter carefully. Remember someone has worked hard to give you information and some food for thought. Make their labor worthwhile. Note on your calendar the date of the meetings of your Society and make arrangements to attend all meetings. Genealogy plays an important role in our lives and our society. To look forward to posterity we must look backward to our Ancestors.

Sincerely,

/s/ Peola T. Stuart

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