

IMPERIAL POLK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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“Looking Forward to the Past”

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Greetings to all the IPGS Members,

This year has suddenly headed to a closure as we are just entering October. Hopefully all our members survived safely the big blow called Hurricane Irma.

Dianne and I stayed with our house during the entire night and all we got was large amounts of oak tree limbs and trash all over the place. A local gentleman farmer near me sent one of his workers to my house and he had it all cleaned up in about half a day.

Looks like we will have to reschedule the Q&A session which was cancelled due to Irma's interference.

I am hoping some of our members will be going to Tampa on October 7, 2017 to hear the presentation by David Rencher from Salt Lake City. He is the Chief Genealogical Officer for the Family History Library and a very intelligent speaker.

There is still time to register by going to this web page: <https://fsgtampa.org/>

It appears as if we don't have anyone who is willing to step up to take the leadership for IPGS and it seems possible for your current president to take the leadership for the foreseeable future. I will need some help in some suggestions about programs to benefit our membership.

As much as I would like I am no longer able to make trips to attend RootsTech due to Dianne's failing health. I could leave her but would but would have to hire someone to stay with her or bring her sister from Texas.

All I can say is read the current calendar and make yourself present at scheduled meetings. Also look at our Christmas to be held at Fred's Market on December 2nd. At 11:30 am

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Upcoming Events

Check on the next page for the upcoming meetings and great speakers & webinars that we will have!!!!



CONDOLENCES to the family of Virginia Wesson

Doris Virginia Venable Wesson

Born: November 15, 1928

Died: August 8, 2017

Virginia was faithful member of IPGS for many years.

Season 4 of “Finding Your Roots” with host Henry Louis Gates starts Tuesday Oct. 3 on PBS. 26 Famous folks will find their family trees!

Preparations for *RootsTech 2018* are underway. It is scheduled for

February 28—March 3, 2018

New book by

Amy Johnson Crow

31 Days to Better Genealogy

Available at Amazon for \$4.99

Also check out her website.

IMPERIAL POLK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2016 MEETING CALENDAR

All monthly meetings will be held at 1.00 pm on the second Saturday of each month at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lakeland, 3140 Troy Avenue, Lakeland unless otherwise noted. Visitors are always welcome!

October 14, 2017 “Time Lines” Presented by Damon Hostetler of Pinellas County, FL

November 11, 2017 “Little House on the Prairie: Midwestern Research—
Presenter Diana Crisman Smith

December—No regular Saturday Meeting, a Christmas Luncheon will be held on SATURDAY 2 December @1:30 AM at Fred’s Market Restaurant 2120 Harden Blvd. Lakeland, FL 33803

Suggested Slate of Officers to be presented at the October meeting

Imperial Polk Genealogical Society

Officers for 2018 and 2019

PRESIDENT	ALVIE DAVIDSON
1 ST VICE PRESIDENT	AUDREY MABE
2 ND VICE PRESIDENT	RAE STRASZEWSKI
SECRETARY	GAIL HUTCHINSON
TREASURER	KAY WATERMAN
TRUSTEE	GAYLE LONDEREE
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	SUSAN ROBERTS

The above slate of Officers is being recommended by your nominating committee to serve IPGS in 2018 and 2019

Election will be held at the 11 November 2017 meeting. Prior to the vote other nominations from the floor will be accepted; however the consent of each nominee must have been obtained prior to nomination.

Installation will be at the December 2017 Christmas Luncheon (no December meeting)

Nominating committee:

Audrey Mabe.....Kay Stone.....Gayle Londeree

NEW FEATURE—INPUT FROM THE HISTORY CENTER by Dorinda

**LUNCH and LEARN at Polk County History Center (at the historic courthouse)
3rd. Tuesday each month, except December, 12 noon until 1:15pm - bring a lunch if you choose!**

OCTOBER 17: The Carillonneur and the Archivist: Behind the Scenes at Bok Tower

NOVEMBER 21: Medical Services in Polk County—People, Places and Peculiarities

**Remember our Veterans
Nov. 11, 2017**

*Genealogy Tip of the Day by John Michael Neill
Tuesday: September 26, 2017*

**In Flanders Fields
By John McCrae**

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from falling hands we throw
The Torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.

**Property Owners: Got it, Were Taxed on it,
Got Rid of It**

**If your ancestor owned real property, you
should search for at least the following records:**

**record of acquisition:* a deed of purchase,
patent, inheritance, etc.

**payment of property taxes:* do that or lose it

**record of disposal:* deed of sale, will,
foreclosure, tax sale, etc.

**In the United States these are county-level
records. Knowing you ancestor owned
property is not enough—those records may
provide more information.**



**ISRAEL-BASED GENEALOGY website
MyHeritage www.myheritage.com acquired
Millennia Corp. www.legacyfamilytree.com
developer of Legacy Family Tree Software and
the Legacy webinars program, in August.**

**From Family Tree Magazine
(October/November 2017)**

Libraries for Research Help

EAST HILLSBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY QUINTILLA GEER BURTON ARCHIEVES CENTER

605 North Collons Street
Plant City, Florida 33563
813-757-9226

Email
info@ehhsoc.org
aupport@ehhsoc.org

Hours
MAIN OFFICE

Tuesday-Friday 10 am—5pm

ARCHIVES CENTER

Tuesday 10 am—5pm
Wednesday—Saturday 1 pm—5 pm

Polk County Genealogical Library

Visiting the Library

Address

Polk County Historical & Genealogical
Library

100 East Main Street
Bartow, Florida 33830-4629

Operating Hours

Open Tuesday through Saturday from
9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

We close for all major holidays and the
Tuesday which follows a Monday
holiday.

Please check [our calendar](#) on this
website for details of holiday closures.
Before driving a long distance to visit
the library it will be advisable to call and confirm your dates.

Contact Information

Phone: (863) 534-4380
Fax: (863) 534-4382

Website:
www.Polk-County.net/library
Madonna Davis, Research & Genealogy Historian
863-534-4604

Research Help



Lakeland Stake Family History Center

Located in Lakeland at the corner of
Peterson Road and Lakeland Highlands Road
next door to

George Jenkins High School.

Visiting hours are as follows:

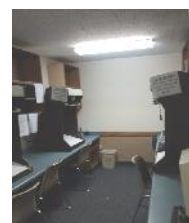
(863) 709-0800

Note: Hours have changed!

**Tues., Wed., Thurs 9 - 1 and 6:30 to
8:30pm**

Closed: Monday, Friday, Saturday

E:mail FL-Lakeland@ldsmail.net



Equipment available for use!

Lake Hamilton FL FHC

2300-2499 9th. Street

Haines City, FL (863) 421-2433

Judy Kay Deal, Director

W: 9am—5pm

TH. 9am—5pm

Friday by appointment only



Webinars —free on the day of presentation

Family History Webinars most are at 2PM

Register at

www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

October 2017

10/4 Lisa Alzo

No Easy Button; Using Immersion Genealogy

10/11 Mary Hill

Southern States Migration Pattern

10/13 Pat Richley

Is Your Society Growing? Social Media May be your Saving Grace

10/17 David Ouimette

Databases, Search Engines, and the Genealogical Proof Standards

10/18 Gena Philibert-Ortega

WPA: Sources for Your Genealogy

10/25 Paula Stuart-Warren

Midwestern & Plains States Level Census Records

November 2017

11/1 Ursula Krause & Luana Darby

Is This The End? Taking Your German Brick Walls down piece by piece

11/8 Michael L. Strauss

New York City Genealogical Research: Navigating Though the five Boroughs

11/10 Jill Morelli

Using Non-Population Schedules for Context and Evidence

11/15 Brian Donovan

British & Irish research; the differences

11/21 Malissa Ruffner

Research in Federal Records; Some Assembly Required

11/29 Rorey Cathcart

Understanding Alabama

December 2017

12/6 Lisa Salinas

Finding Your Roots in Catholic Records

12/13 James M. Baker

I Thought He Was My Ancestor; Avoiding the Six Biggest Genealogy Mistakes

Jill Morelli

Finding Your Nordic Parish of Birth

12/19 Judy G. Russell

The Law and the Reasonably Exhaustive (Re)Search

12/20 Rorey Cathcart

Palmetto Pride—South Carolina for Genealogist

12/27 Elissa Scalise Powell

Problems and Pitfalls of a Reasonably Shallow Search

FREE SCGS Jamboree Extension Series Webinars!

Register at

<http://tinyurl.com/2017-SCGS-Webinars>

October 2017

Sat. 10/07 10AM PDT Sarah Gredler

Think Like a Historian: Why Do People Do What They Do

Wed. 10/18 David Dowell & Elizabeth Balkite

Family History & Health History

November 2017

Sat. 11/04 10 AM PDT Jennifer Alford

We're Here in America, Now What?

Wed. 11/15 6 PM PST Jean Wilcox Hibben

Ancestral Hunting Grounds: Doing On-Site Research

December 2017

Sat. 12/2 10 AM PST Diahan Southard

Your Mom's mtDNA

Wed. 12/20 6 PM PST Tammy Hepps

100 Days to a Better Family History.

Illinois State Genealogical Society

Register at

<http://bit.ly/ISGSWebinars> 9PM EST

Oct. 10, 2017 Daniel Earl

Funeral Homes and Family History: They're Dying to Meet You

November 14, 2017 Thomas MacEntee

Illinois Gold: Hard to Find But Valuable Prairie State Resources for Genealogical Research

December 12, 2017 Sharon S. Atkins

Ephemera: Genealogy Gold

Florida State Genealogical Society

Webinars are scheduled from 8 PM to 9 PM EDT

October 19, 2017 Anita R. Henderson

Reverse Engineer a Genie Book

November 16, 2017 Craig R. Scott

Civil War Medical Records

December 21, 2017 Barbara Vines Little

Chancery Records: The Secrets They Hold, The Families They Reveal